



STORY AND ART
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D-FRAUDMENTS

D-FRAG!





YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO BACK THAT FAR !!

MY NAME IS ROKA. SHIBASAKI ROKA. I'M A SECOND YEAR STUDENT AT FUJOU ACADEMY.

PREVIOUSLY, ON D-FRAG ...

BA-BA-BAAN



ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE ISN'T EVEN IN THE CLUB!

YES, FUN-FILLED DAYS WITH MY PRECIOUS CLUB MEMBERS.

SERIOUSLY, WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO RECAP THE WHOLE SERIES!

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I AM THE CAPTAIN OF OUR SCHOOL'S GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUB (WELL, THE TEMP ONE AT LEAST). EVERY DAY IS FILLED WITH JOY AND LAUGHTER.



THE FIRST, BATTLE-SCARRED DAY HAS COME TO A CLOSE, AND A NEW DAY IS NOW DAWNING...

SO AFTER ALL THAT RECAP YOU JUST SKIP OVER EVERYTHING THAT'S ACTUALLY RELEVANT TO THIS STORY ARC?!

ANYWAY...TIME PASSED, EVENTS HAPPENED, AND WE OF THE GAME DEV. CLUB (TEMP) FOUND OURSELVES VISITING FAMOUS ATHLETE HASHIMOTO'S ADVENTURE ISLAND. YET WHEN WE ARRIVED, WE DISCOVERED THAT... *GASP!* FAMOUS ATHLETE HASHIMOTO HAD BEEN ABDUCTED! TO SAVE HIM, WE MUST FIND FIVE SPECIAL KEYS!! YADDA YADDA BAAH BAAH



AND YOU STILL HAVEN'T SHOWN ME AT ALL, Y'KNOW!!

OH! KAZAMA-SAN! ARE YOU THE ONE WHO'S BEEN MAKING ALL THE SNIDE COMMENTS?

DUH! YOU KNEW THAT!!

AS TIME PASSED, I GAINED NEW FRIENDS ...

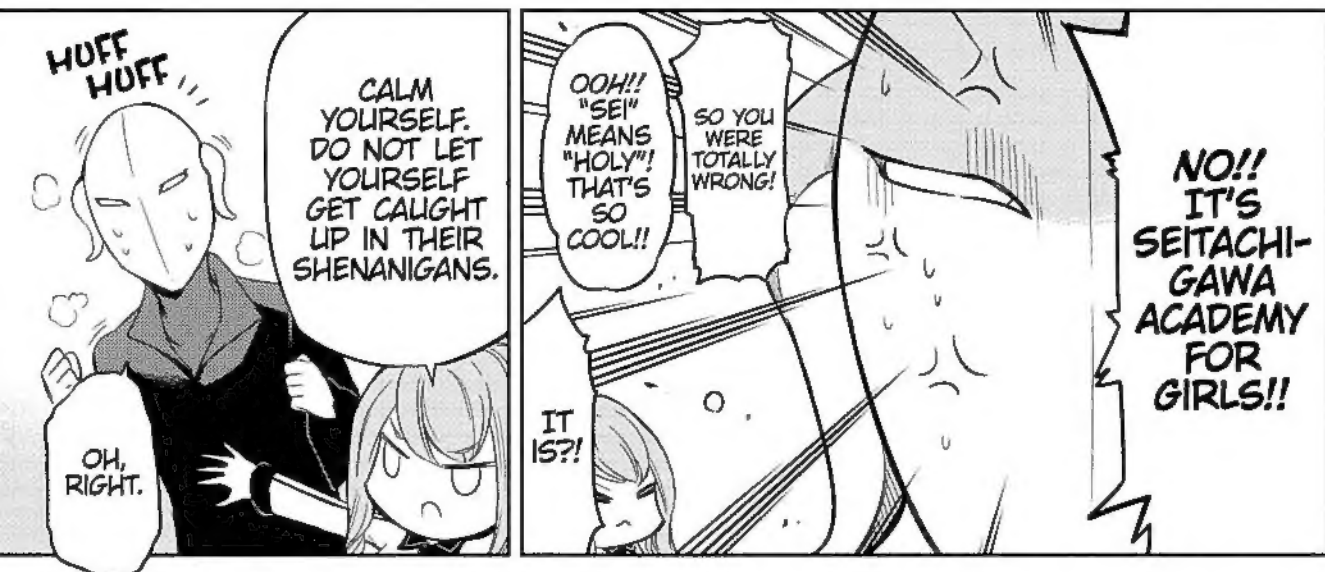














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TATSUNANI!

DID THEY ASSUME THAT YOU WERE A SCHOOL FULL OF VICIOUS THUGS AND BIKER CHICKS?!



うぐうぐうぐ GRRRRRR う

WHAT? THAT'S HORRIBLE!

WE WERE REFUSED ENTRY IN LAST YEAR'S FAMOUS ATHLETE HASHIMOTO'S ADVENTURE ISLAND TOURNAMENT!

BECAUSE OF THE NAME OF OUR SCHOOL...



!!

I told you to calm down...

WE WEREN'T ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE BECAUSE WE'RE AN ALL-GIRLS SCHOOL!!

And because we're Seitachigawa!!

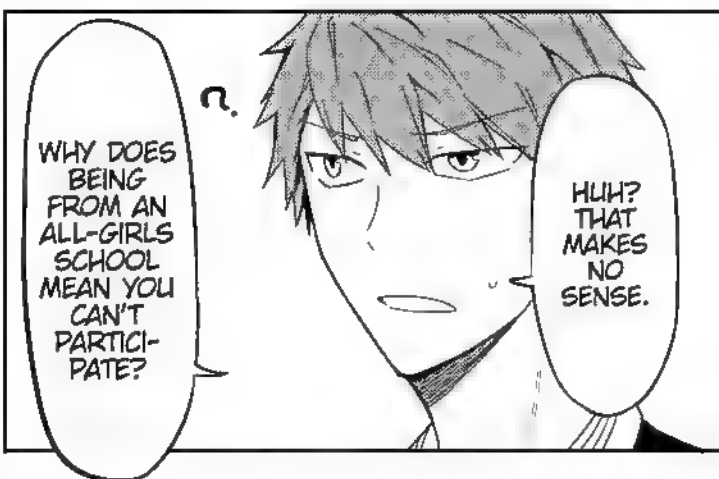
NO! THEY TURNED US AWAY BECAUSE WE WERE FROM SEITACHIGAWA ACADEMY FOR GIRLS!!



Koff

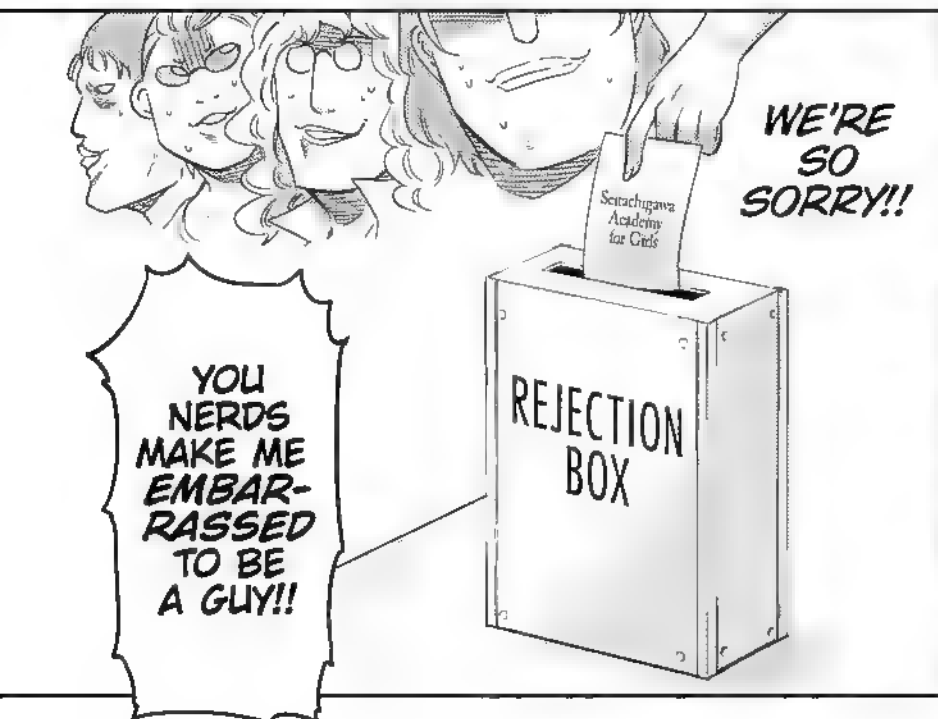
Koff

ALLOW US TO ANSWER THAT!



WHY DOES BEING FROM AN ALL-GIRLS SCHOOL MEAN YOU CAN'T PARTICIPATE?

HUH? THAT MAKES NO SENSE.





NOW
YOU
TELL
US!



SO, AFTER
THAT WE
FIGURED
THERE'D
BE NOTHING
WRONG WITH
LETTING AN
ALL-GIRLS
SCHOOL
PARTICIPATE,
TOO.

YA
THINK
?

But
y'know?
Girls are
kinda
cool!

Stupid
co-ed
schools!

Oh, hey!
There
are a
bunch of
girls
here.

BUT THEN,
A LOT OF
GIRLS FROM
OTHER
SCHOOLS
PARTICIPATED
IN THE EVENT
ANYWAY.

CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER

Koff
Koff
Koff

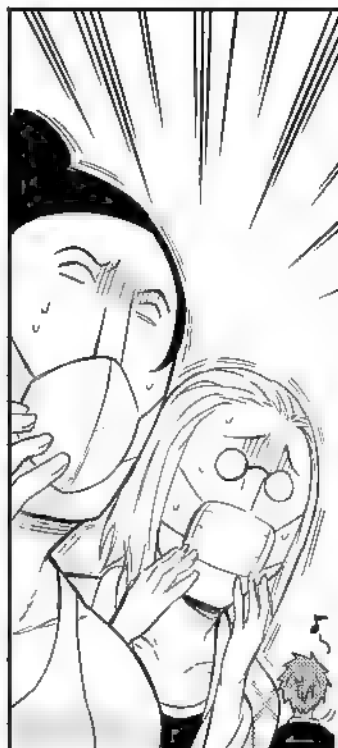


AM!



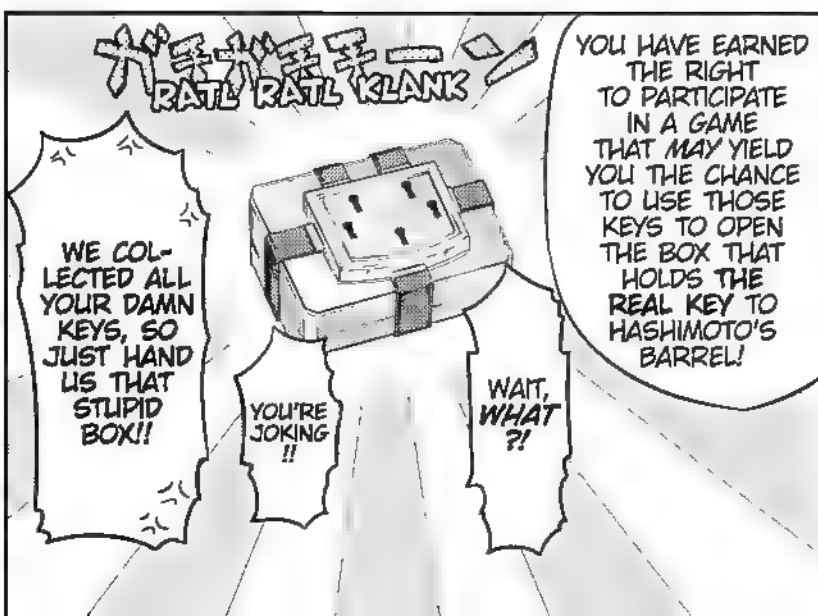
YEAH.
THOUGH WE
WERE ABLE
TO TRICK
KAZAMA-KUN'S
LITTLE SISTER
INTO GIVING
US HER
BOTTLE OF
SHAMPOO!

I HATE
TO ADMIT IT,
BUT WE'RE
A BUNCH OF
WIMPS WHO
DON'T EVEN
HAVE THE
COURAGE TO
PEEP ON
THE GIRLS'
BATHS.

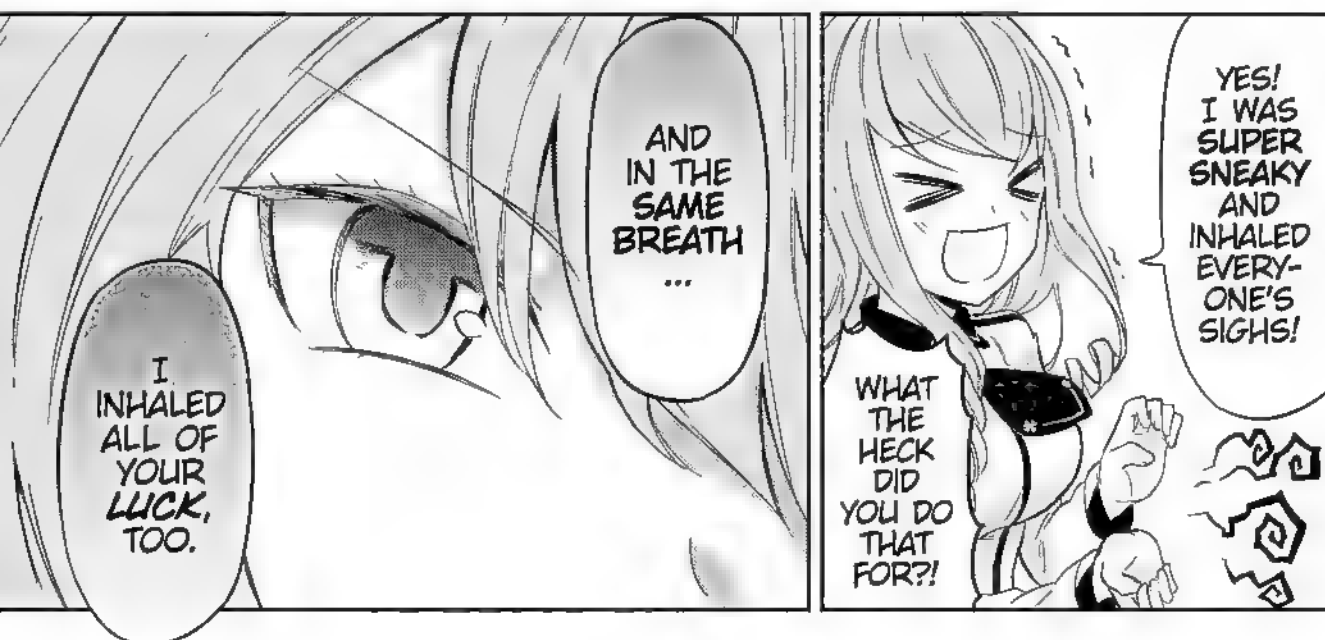


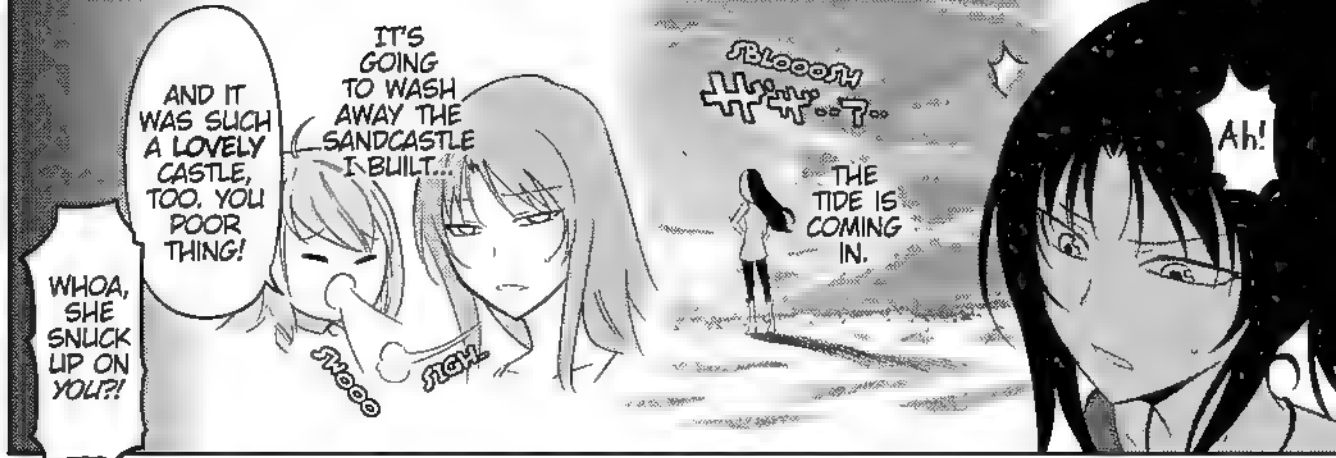
AM!

You
what...?















MEAN-
WHILE,
THE
HIGASHI
FLUGE
HIGH
SCHOOL
CLUB...



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BUGS?!
NOOO!
ANYTHING
BUT THAT!
WE'RE
OUTTA
HERE!!

AAA
AAA
UGH
!!

BZZZ

BZZZZZZ



YOU DO
REALIZE
THAT I HAVE
INHALED THE
LUCK OF
NEARLY EVERY
PARTICIPANT IN
THIS ENTIRE
TOURNAMENT,
CORRECT?

OH
HO HO!
WAIT,
NO. I
MEANT...
TEE
HEE~!



DIRTY
MAGA-
ZINE
WHAT
?!

WAIT..
WHAT
SORT
OF
GAME
IS
THIS?!



DO YOU
REALLY
WANT
TO
LEAVE
IT ALL
TO
FATE?

Urk!

Ah!

ARE
YOU
REALLY
GOING
TO
CHALLENGE
ME WITH A
BOARD GAME
THAT RELIES
ALMOST
ENTIRELY
ON THE
LUCK OF
THE DICE?



Chapter 53
Well Somebody's Totally
In On This!!





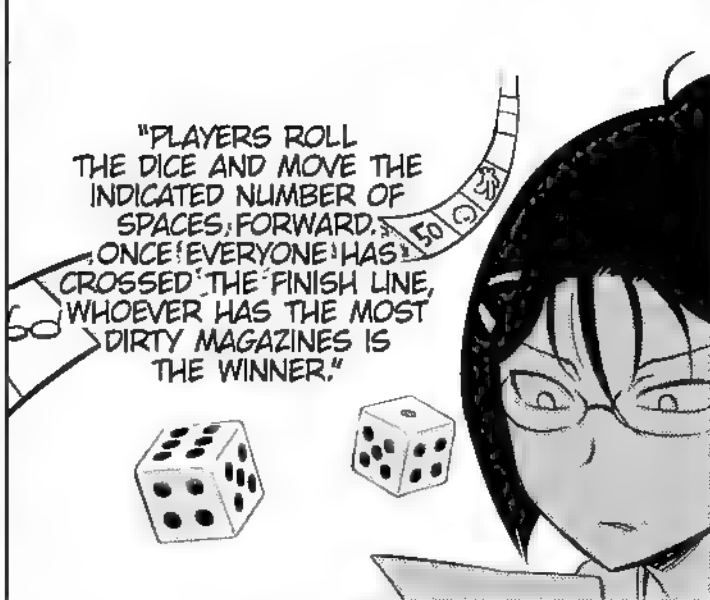




EXACTLY!
IT'S JUST
A PERVY
SNAKES
AND
LADDERS
RIP-OFF!

YOU'RE
KIDDING
ME!!

WHAT
THE
HECK?!
THIS IS
JUST A
LEWD
VERSION
OF A
REGULAR
BOARD
GAME!



"PLAYERS ROLL
THE DICE AND MOVE THE
INDICATED NUMBER OF
SPACES FORWARD.
ONCE EVERYONE HAS
CROSSED THE FINISH LINE,
WHOEVER HAS THE MOST
DIRTY MAGAZINES IS
THE WINNER."



LOOK
WHO'S
TALKING!

I MUST
ADMIT,
THAT
WAS AN
EXCEL-
LENT
MOVE!
YOU'RE
STILL A
BULLY
THOUGH!!

WELL, I
NEVER! WHO
WOULD HAVE
EXPECTED THEM
TO ADD DIRTY
MAGAZINES
TO A REGULAR
GAME JUST
TO EMBARRASS
US INTO
FORFEITING!



WILL YOU
BE ABLE
TO PASS
THIS TRIAL
AND KEEP
YOUR
INNOCENCE
INTACT,
PRINCESS?

MWA
HA HA...
DO YOU
REALLY
THINK YOU
CAN TAKE
THAT NEXT
STEP?

HOW
COME
WE'RE
ACTING
LIKE
THE BAD
GUYS
NOW?!



AND
CLIMB
ONE STEP
FURTHER
UP THE
LADDER
OF
ADULT-
HOOD!

YES!
WE SHALL
GRACEFULLY
AND
ELEGANTLY
SURPASS
THIS
TRIAL...

HOWEVER,
WE HAVE
COME
THIS
FAR. WE
CANNOT
TURN
BACK
NOW!

HANG
ON,
WHO'S
CHAL-
LENGING
WHO
HERE?!



WHAT'S THAT MEAN?

THERE! WE'RE DONE!



YEAH. THE MORE WE DRAG 'EM DOWN TO OUR LEVEL, THE BETTER OFF WE ARE!

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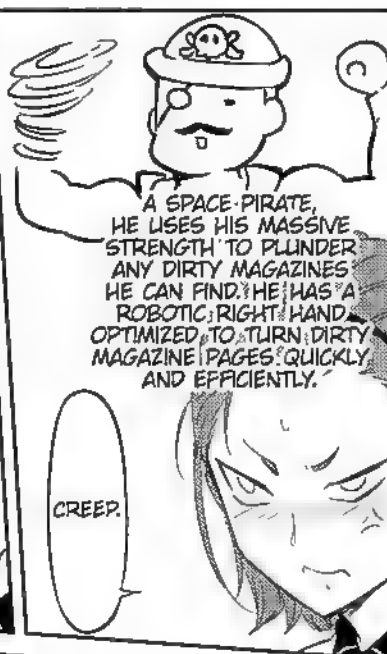
THAT WASN'T THE ONLY REASON WE DECIDED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS.

HUH?



A ROBOT MASTERMIND, HE USES HIS VAST INTELLIGENCE TO TACTICALLY STRATEGIZE THE BEST WAY TO STEAL DIRTY MAGAZINES FROM UNWARY OPPONENTS. HE IS BOTH LEFT AND RIGHT-BRAINED.

PER-
VERT.



A SPACE-PIRATE, HE USES HIS MASSIVE STRENGTH TO PLUNDER ANY DIRTY MAGAZINES HE CAN FIND. HE HAS A ROBOTIC RIGHT HAND OPTIMIZED TO TURN DIRTY MAGAZINE PAGES QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY.

CREEP.



A GAMBLER WHO ROAMS THE VASTNESS OF SPACE, LOOKING TO TEST HIS LUCK. HIS BIGGEST DREAM IS TO ACQUIRE THE DIRTY MAGAZINE "KAI-LUCK-TEN."

HAPPY NOW?



THE KIND AND JUST HERO OF DEEP SPACE, HE HAS SUCH A PROFOUND TALENT WITH A BOW HE CAN HIT THE CENSORSHIP MOSAIC ON A DIRTY MAGAZINE FROM TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS AWAY.

YOU GUYS KEEP SAYING I'M HARASSING YOU, BUT YOU ALL SEEM TO BE REALLY INTO THIS GAME!

DIRTY BOY.



THIS IS HARASSMENT.

AS AN INTERSTELLAR NOBLE, IT IS EXPECTED FOR ONE TO HAVE A LUXURIOUS, EXPENSIVE COLLECTION OF RARE OBJECTS. WITH NO OTHER APPROPRIATE SUBJECTS LEFT, SHE HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO COLLECT DIRTY MAGAZINES. SHE ISN'T PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN THEM AT ALL. NOT AT ALL, REALLY.



MR. KIDZ
HE'S LYING
ABOUT
HIS AGE.

BUT
THEY'RE
STILL
TOTAL
BEGINNERS.



THE MASTER
A MYSTERIOUS
GURU WHO
KNOWS ALL
THERE IS
TO KNOW
ABOUT DIRTY
MAGAZINES.

OH HO!
THOSE
CHARACTERS
AREN'T
HALF-BAD.



JOE
LIKES
DIRTY
MAGS.



YES.
THEY DON'T
HAVE
OUR
WISDOM
AND
EXPERI-
ENCE!



NO,
NO, NO.
EROINDAR
IS YOURS!

BY THE
WAY,
YOU'RE
PLAYING
EROINDAR.
RIGHT,
KAZAMA?



EROINDAR
EROI.

GAINJI
A PRIEST WHO
COLLECTS DIRTY
MAGAZINES IN
ORDER TO TRAIN
HIMSELF TO RESIST
THE LURE OF THEIR
TEMPTATIONS.

DID
YOU
EVEN
TRY?!

OH
MY
GOD,
YOUR
CHARAC-
TERS
SUCK!

THA--!









HOLD ON!!
THAT'S
A REAL
SWORD!!

IF
YOU CAN
"IMPEDE"
US, WE
MAY
IMPEDE
YOU AS
WELL.

PAFF

SWISH

SWISH

SWISH

SWISH

THEN WHY
EVEN BOTHER
COMING TO
THIS DUMB
THING?! WHY
NOT JUST
STICK WITH
THEIR OTHER
CLUB IF
THEY'RE
SO DAMN
AWESOME?!

IN FACT,
ALL OF
OUR CLUB
MEMBERS
HAVE A
SECONDARY
CLUB THEY
ATTEND AND
EXCEL IN!

TP

TP

TP

TP

HEH!
OTSUKA IS
A MEMBER
OF THE GAME
DEVELOPMENT
CLUB AND
THE FENCING
CLUB.

ANY
PLAN SHE
CONCOCTS IS
GUARANTEED
TO NOT
HAVE A
SINGLE
WEAKNESS!

SOUNDS
LIKE THAT
AMAZING
BRAIN
COULD USE
A LITTLE
MORE
OXYGEN.

THE
COMPUTER
CLUB'S
PRODIGY
CHILD, SHE
HAS A
SHARP AND
BRILLIANT
MIND!

TAKE
HODO-
KUBO
FOR
EXAMPLE.

W
E
L
C
O
M
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DON'T WORRY, HATA-CHAN. ALLOW ME TO GO NEXT.



TO BE PERFECTLY FRANK, WHY AM I EVEN HERE? I'M JUST DEAD WEIGHT, HONESTLY...

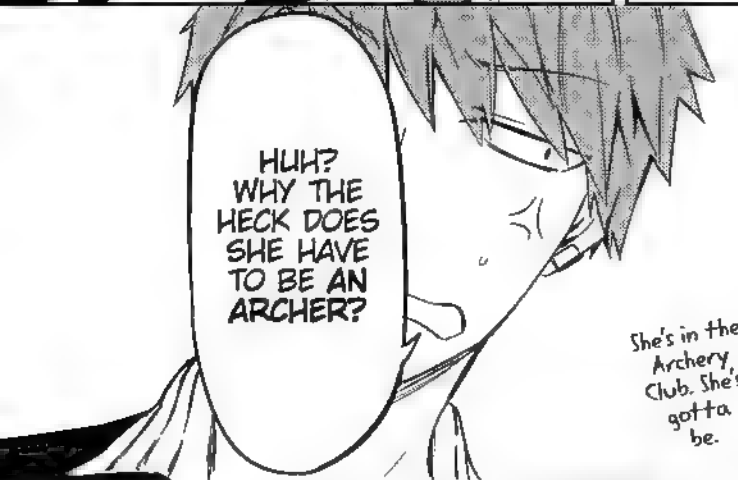
A PLAN...? CAPTAIN HATA, DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT THE FINALE WOULD BE ENTIRELY PHYSICAL GAMING, SO YOU DIDN'T NEED ME TO MAKE A PLAN?



HM?

OOH! I KNOW! I KNOW!

SINCE SHE'S HERE, YOU COULD'VE AT LEAST LET THE POOR GIRL DO SOMETHING!



HUH? WHY THE HECK DOES SHE HAVE TO BE AN ARCHER?

She's in the Archery Club. She's gotta be.

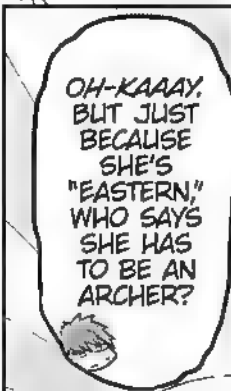


I BETCHA SHE'S AN ARCHER.



OH YEAH ...

HER CHARACTER MADE REFERENCE TO BEING AN EXCELLENT ARCHER, THAT'S WHY!



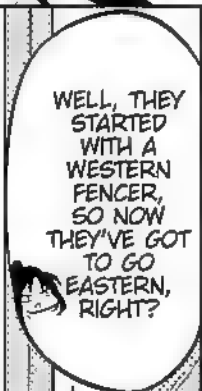
OH-KAAAY, BUT JUST BECAUSE SHE'S "EASTERN," WHO SAYS SHE HAS TO BE AN ARCHER?



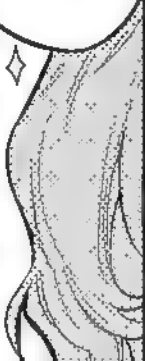
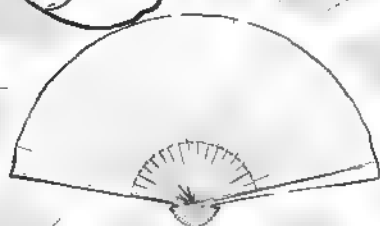
HER FOLDING FAN, OF COURSE! THAT'S TOTALLY EASTERN.



HUH? WHAT PEGS HER AS "EASTERN"?



WELL, THEY STARTED WITH A WESTERN FENCER, SO NOW THEY'VE GOT TO GO EASTERN, RIGHT?





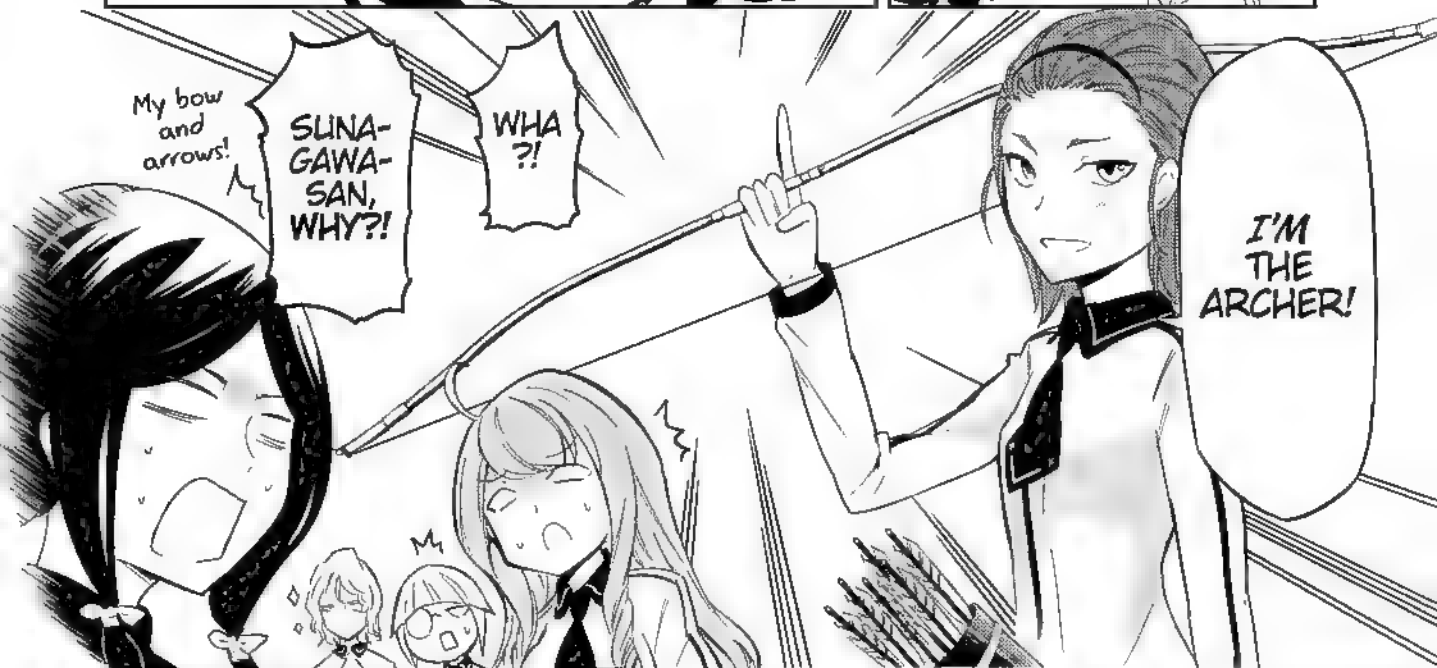
THEY
GUESSED
IT!!

OH
NO....!!

HUH?
WHY IS
SHE
SUDDENLY
SWEATING
BULLETS?



HIA!
TOO
BAD.
YOU
GOT IT
WRONG.



My bow
and
arrows!

SUNA-
GAWA-
SAN,
WHY?!

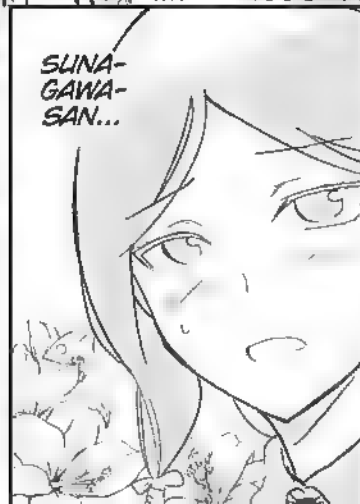
WHA
?!

I'M
THE
ARCHER!



NO
NO! NO!
WE'RE STILL
PLAYING INTO
THEIR HANDS
THIS WAY!

WE
NEED TO
STAY
CALM!

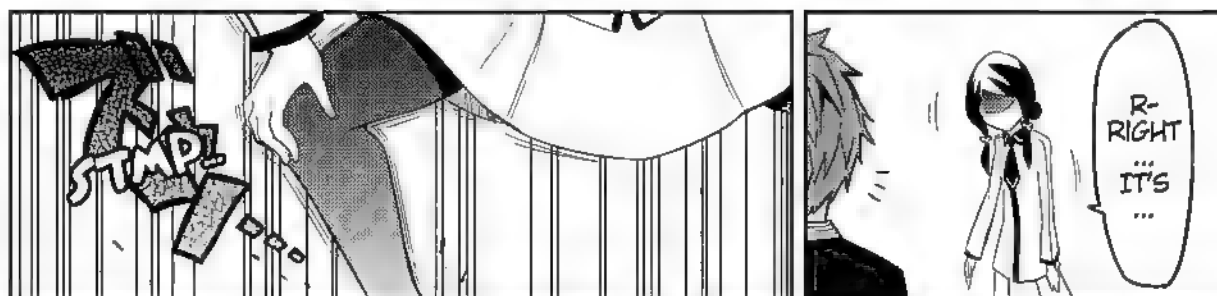


SUNA-
GAWA-
SAN...



D-DON'T
GET THE
WRONG
IDEA,
KOUISHI-
SAN.

I'M JUST
DOING THIS
SO WE
DON'T GIVE
THEM THE
SATISFACTION
OF BEING
RIGHT.





I get to
throw
the dice
next turn!

PUFF
HUFF

HUFF
WHEEZE

SKCH

SKCH



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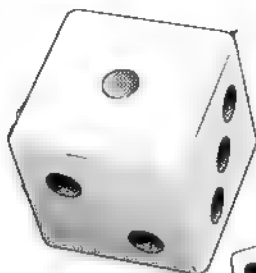


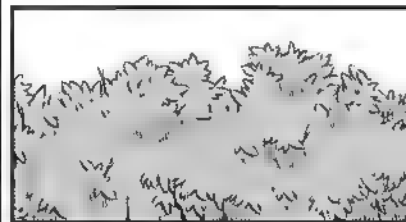
**FATE
HAS
THROWN
THE
DICE!**



**THIS
WASN'T
FATE!**

Chapter 54
Suck Back Our Luck!



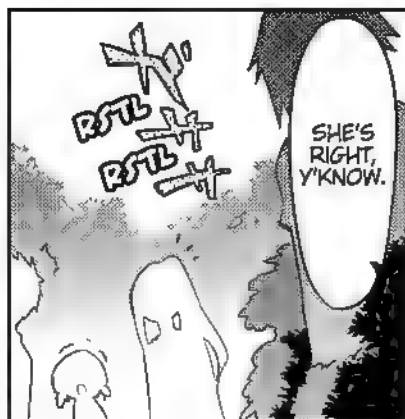






















TEE HEE!
LOOK
AT YOU,
TAKING
THIS
FOOLISH
GAME SO
SERIOUSLY.

WELL,
AT LEAST
SHE'S NOT
EMBAR-
RASSED
TO SAY
IT.

HOWEVER,
WE SHALL
BE THE
ONES TO
COLLECT
THE MOST
OF THOSE
WONDERFULLY
LEWD DIRTY
MAGS!

WHAT?



AH!

SAYS THE
GIRL WHO
INHALED
ABSOLUTELY
EVERYBODY'S
LUCK
BEFORE
ANYTHING
EVEN
STARTED!



THAT'S
AN ALL-
GIRLS SCHOOL
FOR YOU.
THEY LOOK
STRICT,
BUT ARE
ACTUALLY THE
RAUNCHIEST
PLACES
ON EARTH.

MY, MY.
EVEN I
HAVEN'T
THAT LEVEL
OF DETER-
MINATION...
OR
STAMINA.

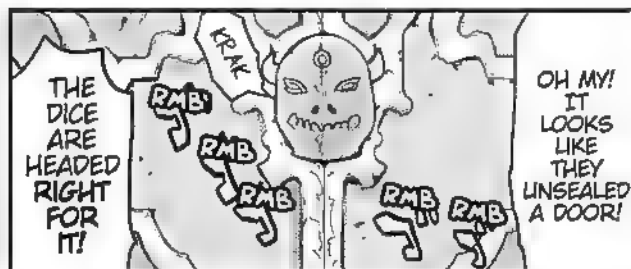
GOODNESS,
WHO WOULD
THINK A PRIM
PROPER LADY
LIKE HER
WOULD GET
CLOSE TO ALL
THOSE BOYS
AND SUCK
THEM DRY.

HEY!
YOU
THREE
ARE
JUST
TRYING TO
STIR
CRAP
UP!











I JUST KNOW THOSE DICE HAVE ROLLED THE EXACT NUMBERS WE NEED!

SERIOUSLY?!



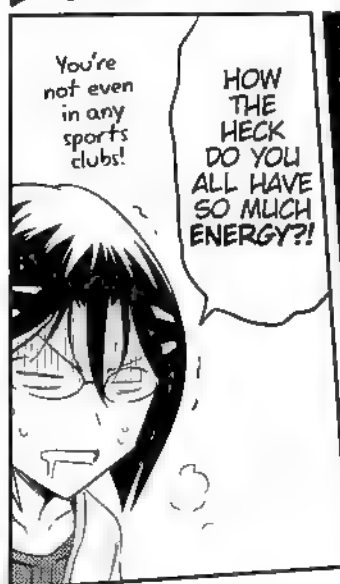
HNNG...
7...

NO! WE CAN'T GIVE UP NOW.



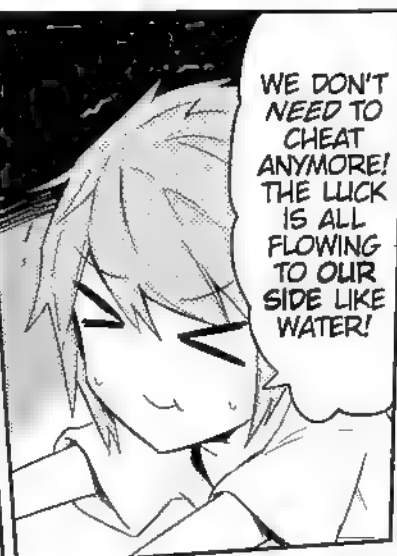
JUST FORGET THE DUMB DICE!!

AND NOW, HERE WE ARE!



You're not even in any sports clubs!

HOW THE HECK DO YOU ALL HAVE SO MUCH ENERGY?!



WE DON'T NEED TO CHEAT ANYMORE! THE LUCK IS ALL FLOWING TO OUR SIDE LIKE WATER!



NO, I AM CERTAIN IT WILL BE A VERY POOR ROLL FOR YOU! WE WON'T ALLOW YOU TO CHEAT YOUR WAY TO VICTORY!



RAAA-
AAGH!!
HRRR-
RRGH!!

I'm not going to let this dumb door beat me!!

Oh my gosh, what is that I'm feeling beside me...?



I MAY HAVE A TALENT FOR SUMO AFTER ALL!



THERE MUST BE SOME WAY TO STOP THE DOORS FROM CLOSING!

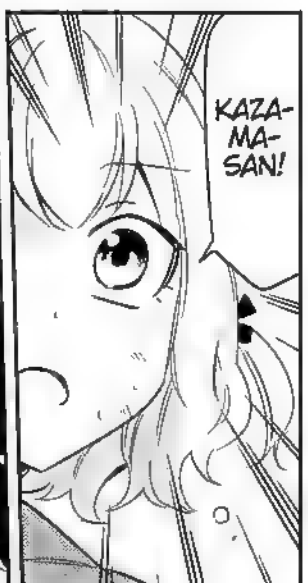


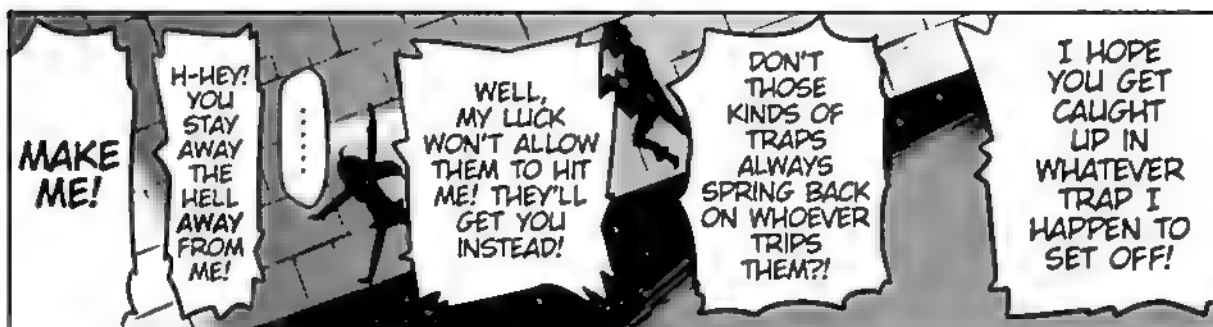
YEAH.

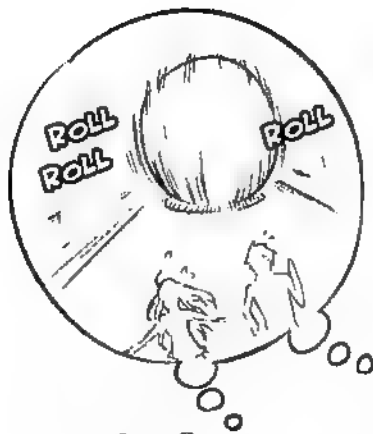


I...I THINK THIS SIDE IS GIVING WAY...









I was expecting something more exciting...

BA-DMP
BA-DMP

If there had been one, I doubt even my luck would have saved me...



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Chapter 55
How Dare You Sneak That In There?!







DISTRACT ME FROM WHAT I'D ALREADY SAID I'D DO.

BUT I'M NOT SUCH A FLAKE THAT I'M GONNA LET SOME NEW AND SHINY THING...



I GOTTA ADMIT, EXPLORING A MYSTERIOUS ANCIENT RUIN DOES SOUND FUN.

Ah yes!

FIDGET
FIDGET
FIDGET



NO, THEY AREN'T BACK THERE! THERE ARE NO CRACKS AND NO CAVE! IT'S JUST A SOLID WALL!!

FOR SURE! THEY PROBABLY SLIPPED THROUGH A CRACK OR SOMETHING! THERE MIGHT EVEN BE A CAVE BACK THERE.

DO YOU THINK THE DICE MIGHT HAVE SOMEHOW WOUND UP BEHIND IT?

FIDGET
FIDGET
FIDGET



IS IT ME, OR DOES THIS WALL SOUND LIKE IT COULD BE HOLLOW?

I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT! THERE MIGHT BE A SECRET PASSAGE BACK THERE!

NOK
NOK
NOK



NO, NO, NO! THESE SORTS OF THINGS TURN TO THE LEFT!

NO, NOT THAT WAY! TURN TO THE RIGHT! THE RIGHT!!

OOH! I THINK THIS THING MIGHT TURN! I BETCHA IT OPENS UP SOME SECRET, HIDDEN DOOR! ON THREE. ONE, TWO...

FIDGET
FIDGET
FIDGET

MAYBE THE DICE BOUNCED BEHIND THIS STATUE, DON'T YOU THINK?



BUT... BUT TAP THE WALL! IT SOUNDS HOLLOW! I SWEAR!

YOU REALLY WANT THERE TO BE A CAVE BACK THERE, DON'T YOU?!



WHAT THE HECK?! YOU'VE GOTTEN ALL THE WAY TO THE END ALREADY?! DID YOU ALL REALLY GET THAT FAR WHILE I WAS RUNNING AROUND IN THE WOODS?!

NO, AN ELEVEN IS BAD! WE'LL REACH THE GOAL WITHOUT HAVING COLLECTED ENOUGH DIRTY MAGS!



Collect 1000 dirty mags!

Half of your dirty mag stock turns to ash.

Your stock of dirty mags is flooded! You lose everything!

Your space ship EXPLODES!!

Mags



DIRTY MAG STOCK
0



Aww, the statue didn't turn.

DIRTY MAG STOCK
1,450,000



HA! YOUR PETTY TRICKS ARE AS NOTHING IN THE FACE OF OUR LUCK AND SKILL!

DIRTY MAG STOCK
2,000,000

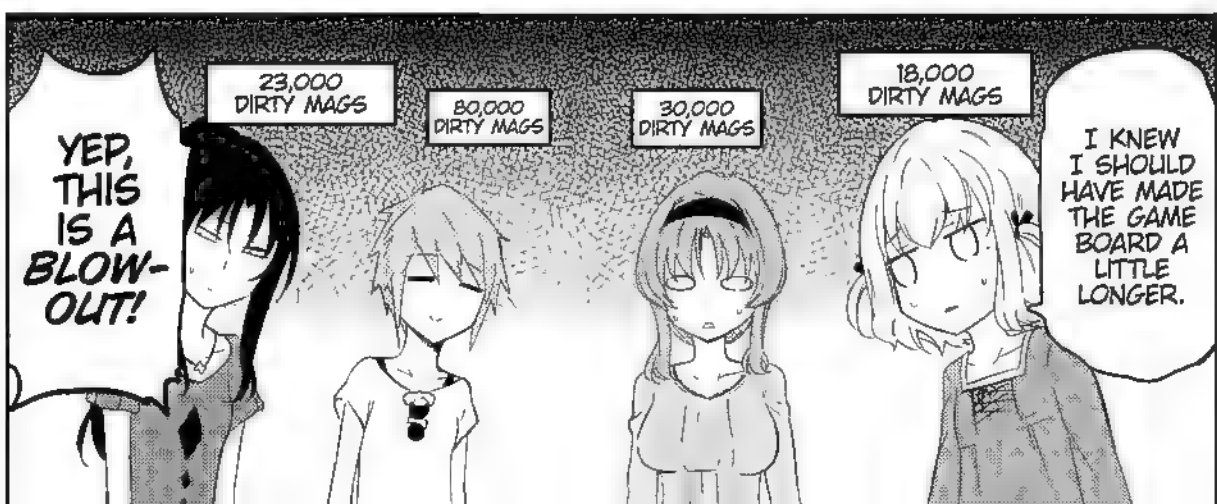


HUH? WHERE'S SUNAGAWA-SAN?!

SUNAGAWA'S DIRTY MAG STOCK
420,000



DIRTY MAG STOCK
840,000



23,000 DIRTY MAGS

80,000 DIRTY MAGS

30,000 DIRTY MAGS

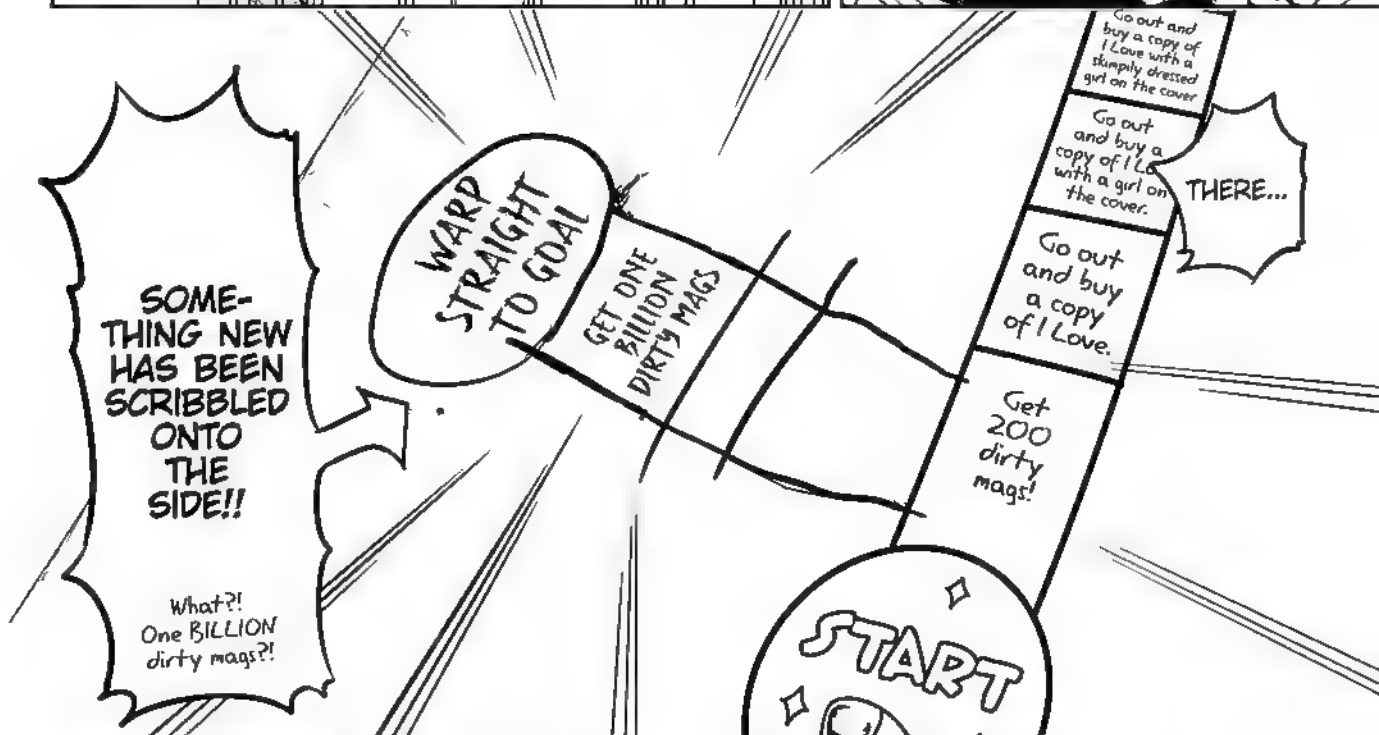
18,000 DIRTY MAGS

YEP, THIS IS A BLOW-OUT!

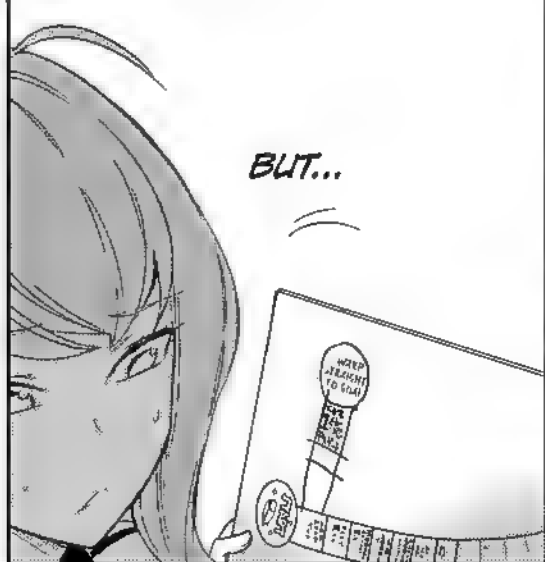
I KNEW I SHOULD HAVE MADE THE GAME BOARD A LITTLE LONGER.









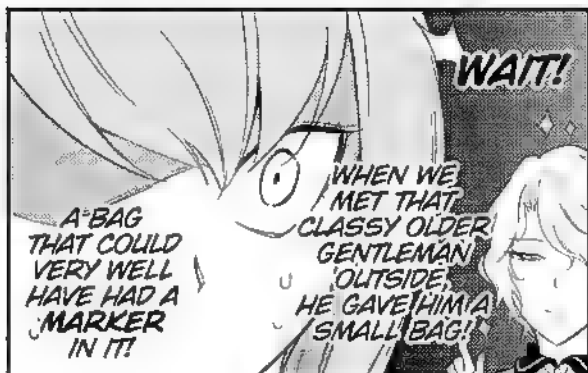


BUT...



Aaah!!
After
those
dice!!

WAIT...!
WHEN WE RAN
OFF INTO THE
FOREST WE LEFT
THE GAME BOARD
BEHIND. HE
HAD PLENTY OF
TIME TO DOCTOR
THE BOARD
THEN!



WAIT!

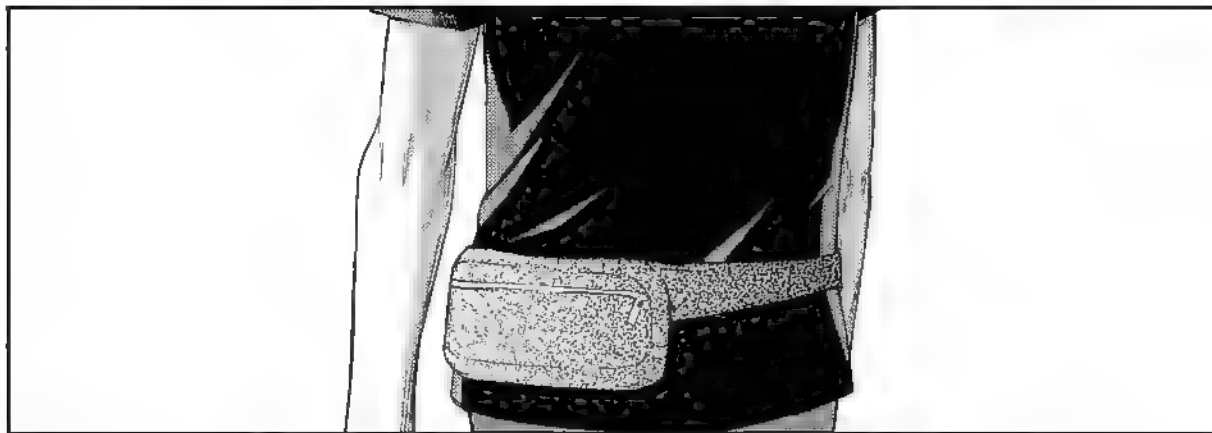
A BAG
THAT COULD
VERY WELL
HAVE HAD A
MARKER
IN IT!

WHEN WE
MET THAT
CLASSY OLDER
GENTLEMAN
OUTSIDE,
HE GAVE HIM A
SMALL BAG!



THE
GIRL HE
RESCUED
DOESN'T
SEEM
LIKE SHE
WOULD'VE
HAD ONE,
EITHER.

DID HE
HAVE A
SHARPIE
ON HIM?
HE LOOKS
LIKE HE
HONESTLY
DOESN'T
HAVE A
THING WITH
HIM.



HE WAS
RIGHT
THERE!
RIGHT
BEHIND
ME!
SCRIBBLING
THIS
NONSENSE
AS HE
RAN!!

DON'T
THOSE
KINDS OF
TRAPS
ALWAYS
SPRING
BACK ON
WHOEVER
TRIPS THEM?!

I HOPE
YOU GET
CAUGHT
UP IN
WHATEVER
TRAP I
HAPPEN
TO SET
OFF!

THEN,
THE
WHOLE
TIME
HE WAS
RUNNING
BEHIND
ME DOWN
THAT
HALLWAY
...



WE WERE
WINNING
FAIR AND
SQUARE
UNTIL
YOU
PULLED
THIS
STUNT!

RRRGH!!
I AM
SO MAD
AT
MYSELF
FOR NOT
NOTICING!!



YOU
SNEAKY,
SLIMY
BAS-
TARD!!

PUNCH



SO...
IT'S MY
TURN
NOW,
RIGHT?



AND
YOU'RE
JUST AS
BAD A
LIAR
AS THE
REST OF
THEM!

FWEE
FWEE
FWEE
FWEE

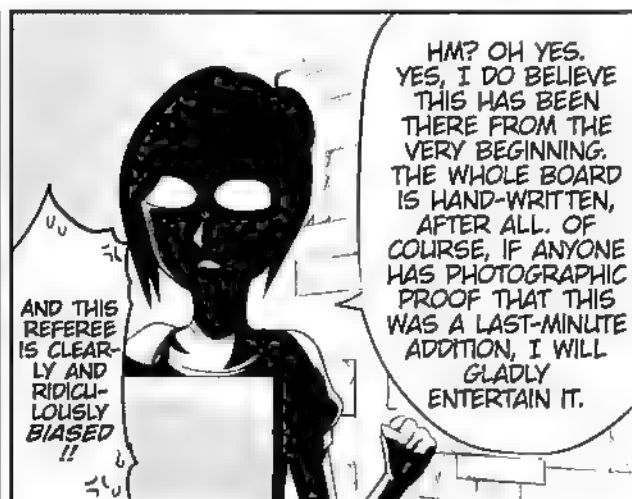


AHM!



OF ALL
THE
BLATANTLY
UNDER-
HANDED...

SHH...



HM? OH YES.
YES, I DO BELIEVE
THIS HAS BEEN
THERE FROM THE
VERY BEGINNING.
THE WHOLE BOARD
IS HAND-WRITTEN,
AFTER ALL. OF
COURSE, IF ANYONE
HAS PHOTOGRAPHIC
PROOF THAT THIS
WAS A LAST-MINUTE
ADDITION, I WILL
GLADLY
ENTERTAIN IT.

AND THIS
REFEREE
IS CLEAR-
LY AND
RIDICU-
LOUSLY
BIASED
!!



GO RIGHT
AHEAD...
SINCE THIS
WILL BE
THE LAST
OF YOUR
COWARDLY
CHEATING.

YES,
YES, OF
COURSE.
PLEASE,
TAKE
YOUR
TURN.



STOP



THIS
GAME WILL
STILL BE
WON BY THE
LUCKIEST!!

BECAUSE
IN THE
END...



WAVE WAVE
!! !! !!

YOU WOULD
NEED PURE
LUCK TO
DO THAT,
BECAUSE
WE'RE NOT
GOING TO
ALLOW YOU
TO CHEAT
ON THIS
ONE!!

URK!



WARP
STRAIGHT
TO GOAL

GET ONE
BILLION
DIRTY MAGS

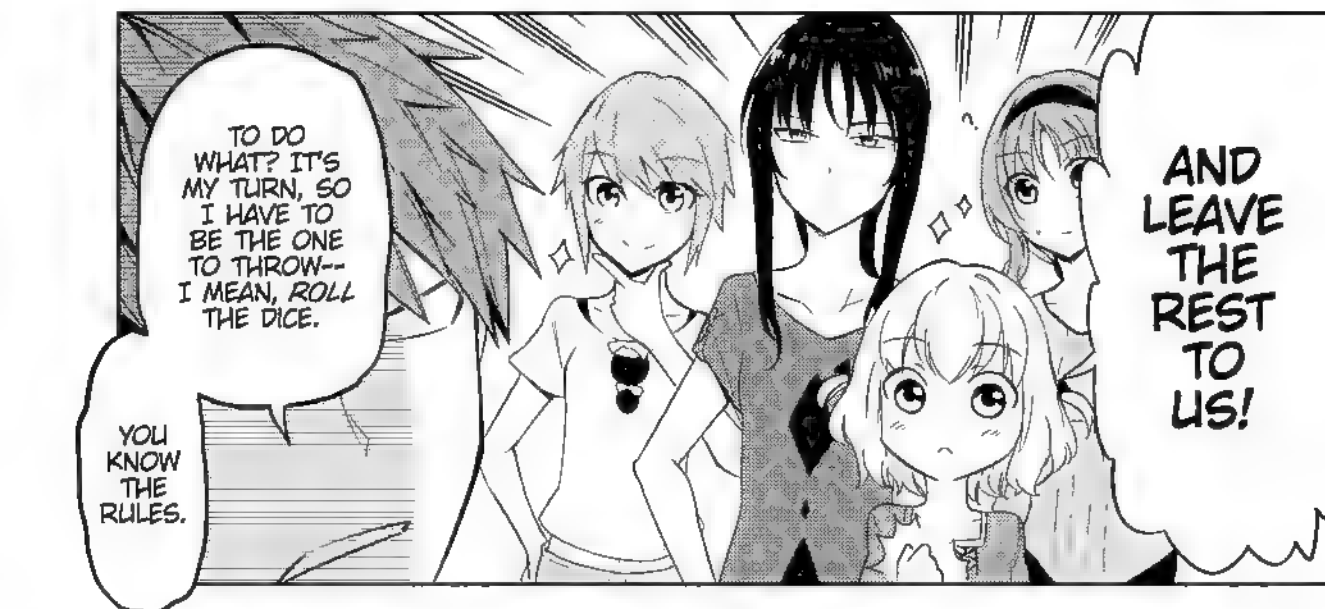
BUT TO
DO THAT,
HE WOULD
NEED TO ROLL
A FOUR. ANY
LESS, AND WE
REACH THE
GOAL FIRST.
ANY MORE AND
HE REACHES
THE GOAL
EMPTY-
HANDED.

DO YOU
SEE? YOUR
ONLY CHANCE
OF WINNING IS
IF HE MANAGES
TO LAND ON
THE ONE
SQUARE THAT
GIVES HIM
ONE BILLION
MAGAZINES!

Get
200
dirty
mags!

START

GOAL





WHY THE HECK WOULD YOU DO THAT?!

NOW, I WILL TAKE THESE SILVER ANGELS... AND BURN THEM.



HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT YOU GOT THE FIRST ONE AFTER YOU BOUGHT A PACKAGE ON A WHIM FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AGES?! WERE YOU JUST BLUFFING?!

AFTER THAT MATCH, I BOUGHT A NEW PACKAGE EVERY DAY. SINCE THEN I'VE COLLECTED THREE OF THEM.



AND FINALLY...



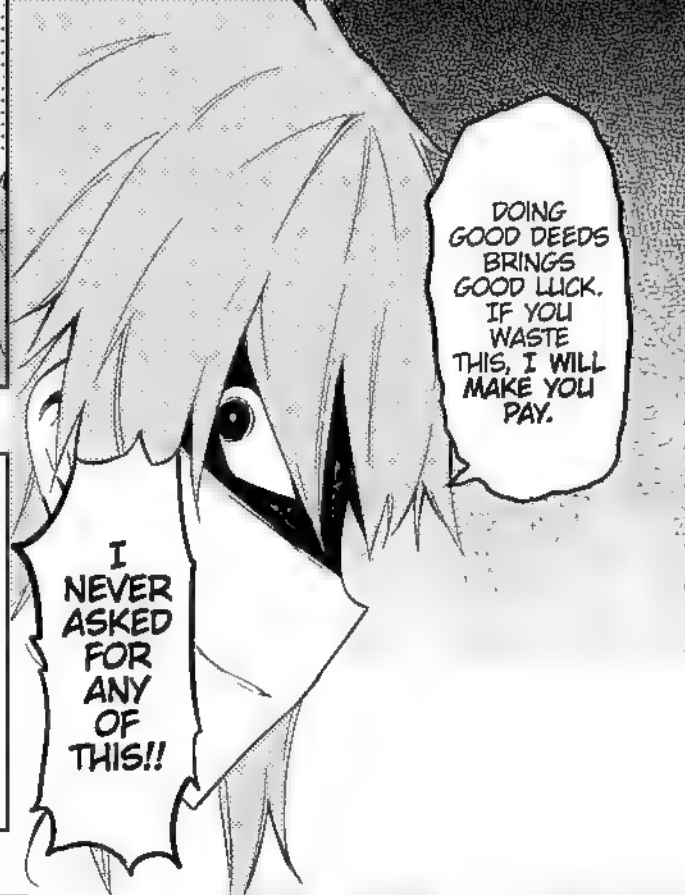
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "YOU THINK"?! YOU SURE YOU AREN'T GOING TO GET CURSED BY ALL THE PEOPLE WHO'VE TRIED FOR YEARS AND NEVER FOUND ONE?!

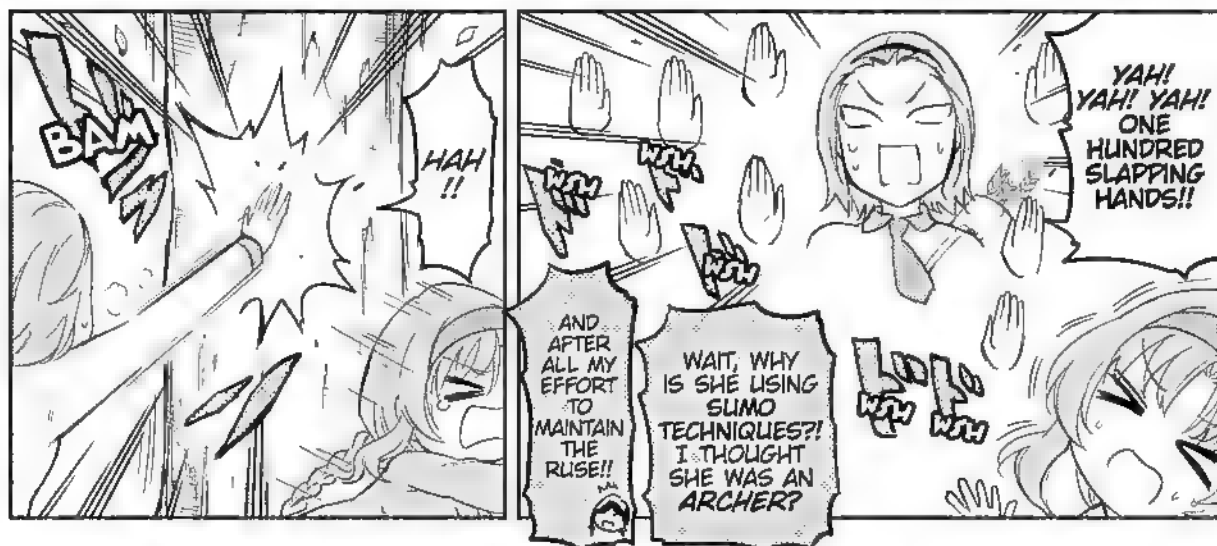
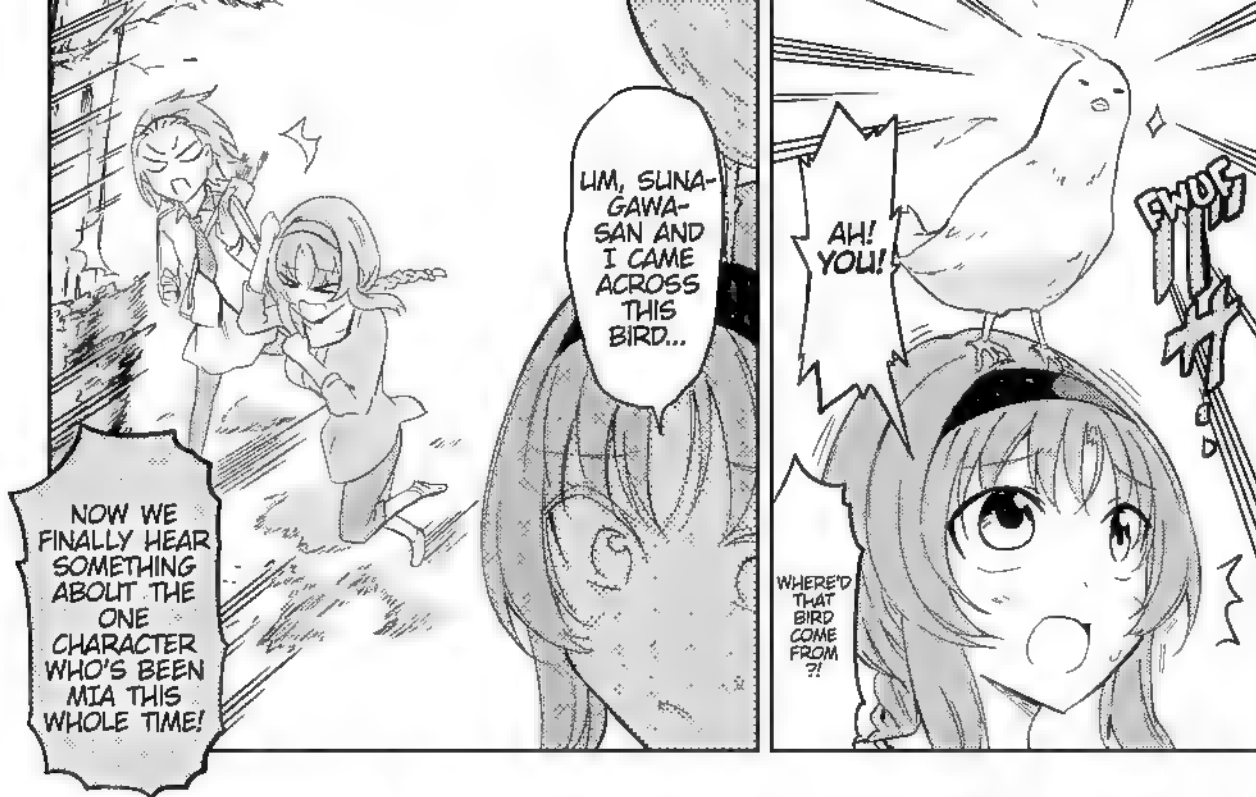
WITH THAT, THE LUCK I EXPENDED IN FINDING THEM HAS RETURNED TO ME.

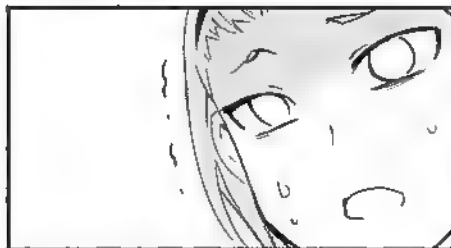
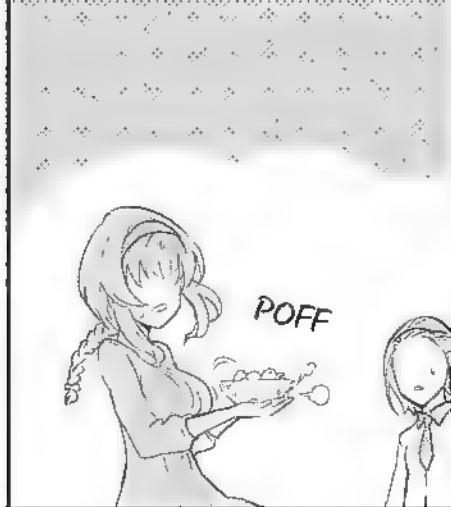
I THINK ...















DO YOU
REALLY
THINK
YOU CAN
CON
LADY
LUCK
THAT
EASILY?!

Mwe
heh
heh...

WOW,
CAPTAIN.
THAT WAS
A REALLY
GREAT
THING
YOU DID
FOR ME.
THANK YOU
SO MUCH.



SWEET
Z!
!



GYA
AAH
!!

NOW,
EVERYONE!
WE MUST
IMBUE
EVERY LAST
OUNCE OF
OUR LUCK
TO KAZAMA-
SAN'S DICE!



THIS
LAST-
SECOND
GRAB
AT LUCK
WILL
ACTUALLY
WORK?!

DO YOU
REALLY
THINK...



S-SO...
SO
WHAT
?!



AAA
AAA
AGH
!!

UM...
HATA-
CHAN
...



OH, I
KNOW
IT'S
GONNA
WORK.

.....



THERE IS
NO WAY A
BUNCH OF
WORTHLESS
LOSERS
LIKE YOU
COULD EVER
STOP ME!!

D-DON'T BE
RIDICULOUS!
DO YOU HAVE
ANY IDEA HOW
HARD AND
HOW LONG
I'VE BEEN
WORKING
TOWARDS
THIS?!

WHAT
?!

HECK,
YOU KNOW
IT TOO.
THAT'S WHY
YOU'RE
GETTING SO
NERVOUS,
RIGHT?



MY...NO,
OUR WISH
IS TOO
STRONG!!
WE WON'T
LOSE
TO YOU
STUPID
NOOBS!!

But
why?

Aww,
looks like
we aren't
going this
year.

We'll
be with
you in
spirit.

We'll be
graduating
this year,
so we're
out of luck.
But we
hope you
can make it

Sempai!



APPAR-
ENTLY,
THE ONLY
TIME IT'S
OKAY TO
TAKE IT
EASY ON
AN OPPO-
NENT...

LET ME
SPELL
SOMETHING
OUT FOR
YOU...

Your
nasty
side is
showing
again

YEAH,
YEAH,
CRY
ME A
RIVER.

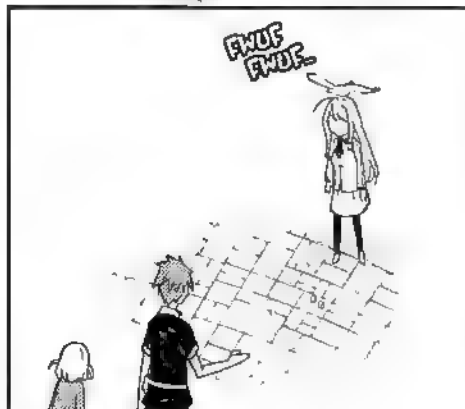
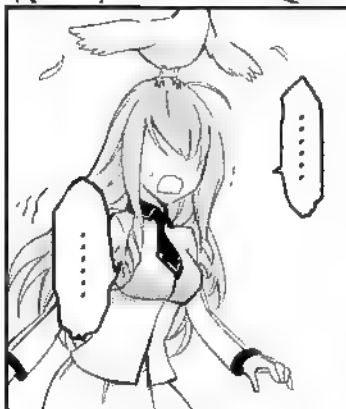
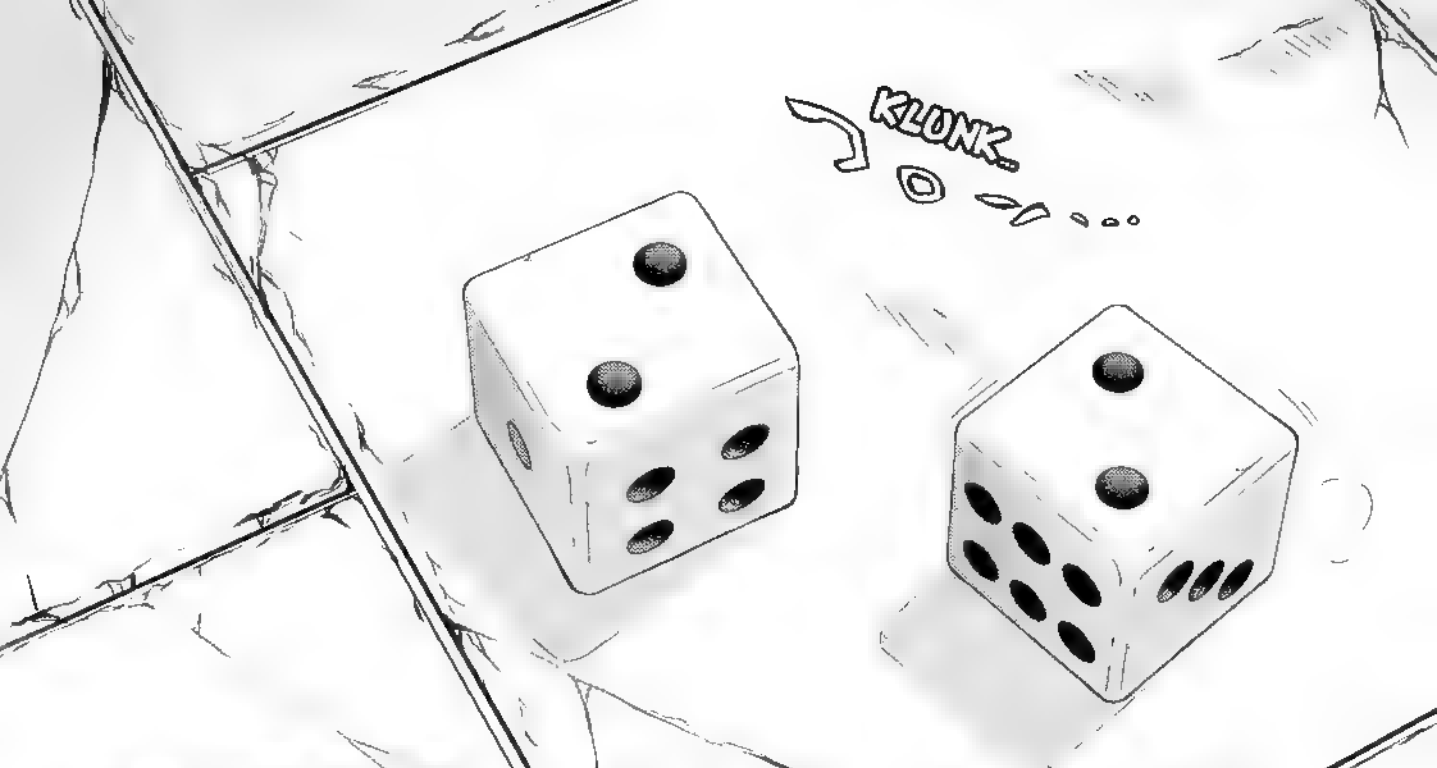


IS IF
YOU'RE A
PARENT
PLAYING
WITH
YOUR
KID.







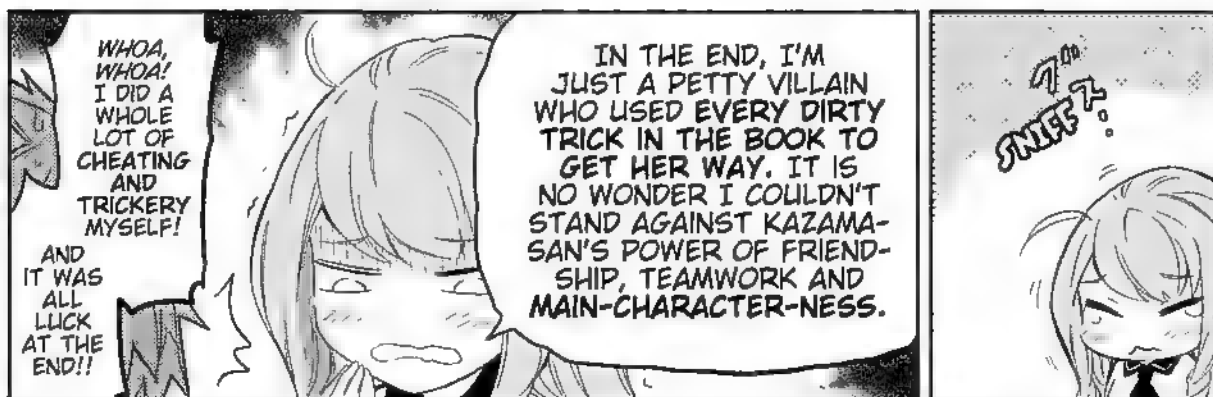


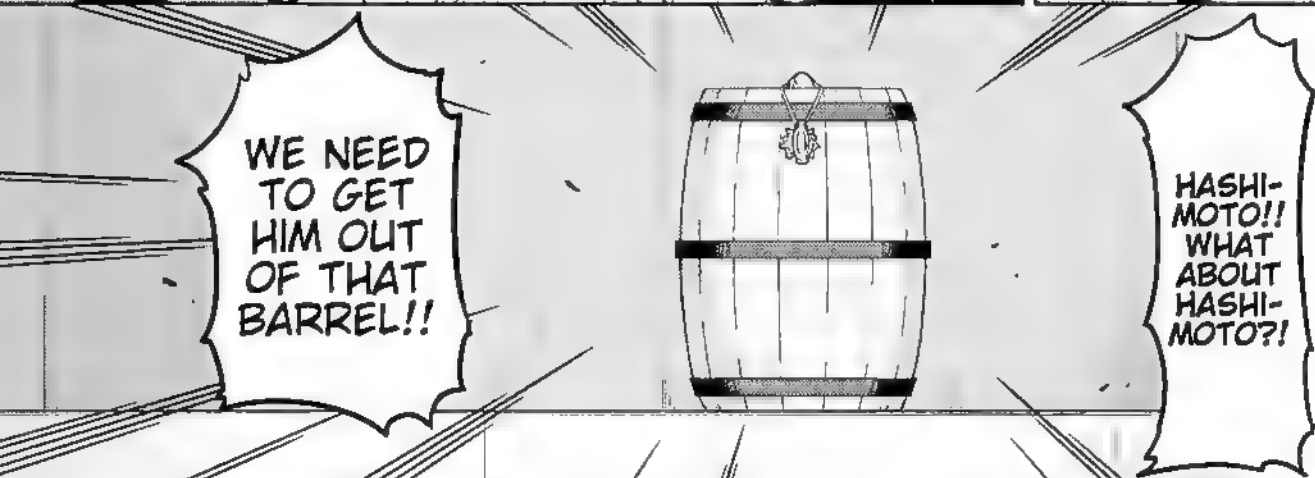


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I HAVE A LONG LIST OF COMPLAINTS I WANT TO SAY TO THE SPONSOR OF THIS SHAM OF A TOURNAMENT.

WE HAVEN'T GONE FAR ENOUGH! BRING HASHIMOTO-SAN TO ME!

ERM... ABOUT THAT...



Let's get out of here!

Oh no!

HATA-CHAN, ARE YOU SURE WE REALLY NEED TO GO THIS FAR?

AND ALSO, THESE ROBES ARE VERY HOT...

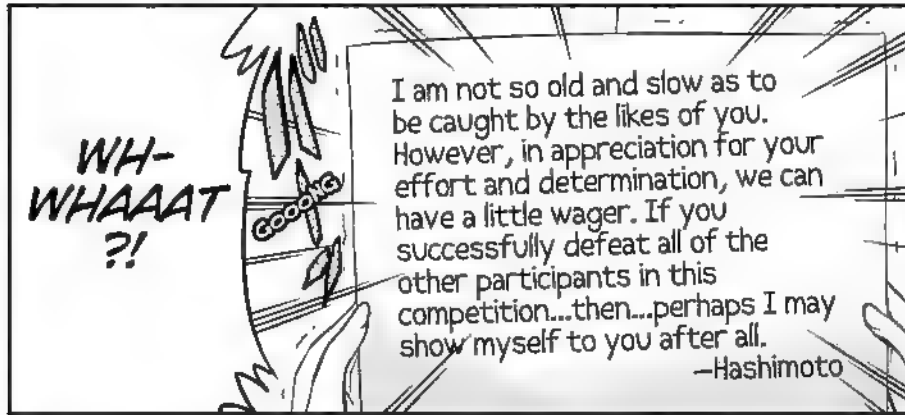


THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS WERE SUCH COWARDS THEY ALL GOT SCARED AND RAN AWAY!

Tee hee~



LOVELY WORK, LADIES!



WH-WHAAAT ?!

Goodie

I am not so old and slow as to be caught by the likes of you. However, in appreciation for your effort and determination, we can have a little wager. If you successfully defeat all of the other participants in this competition...then...perhaps I may show myself to you after all.

—Hashimoto



SWFF

HM? WHAT'S THIS?



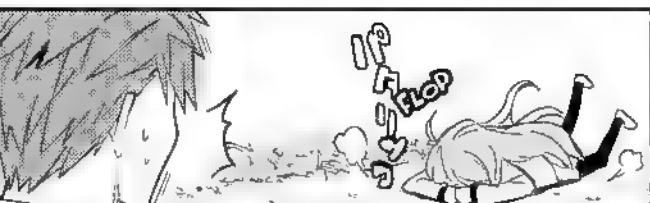
HUH?! B-BUT WHAT ABOUT OUR REVENGE ?!

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?! WE'RE GOING TO TAKE STUPID HASHIMOTO-SAN UP ON HIS STUPID CHALLENGE, AND WE'RE GOING TO WIN!!



IT DOES SEEM AS IF WE HAVE BEEN DANCING TO HASHIMOTO-SAN'S TUNE.

NOW WHAT, HATA-CHAN?



SO
BASICALLY...
YOUR
PLAN FELL
APART
RIGHT
FROM THE
START.

You want
a fight?!!
Fine!
Bring it!!



AND SHE
WAS FULLY
PREPARED TO
MAKE ENEMIES
OUT OF
EVERY LAST
PARTICIPANT
IN ORDER
TO DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT IT!

SHE DID STILL
HAVE SOME
PRETTY
LEGITIMATE
GRIPEs
ABOUT THIS
TOURNAMENT.



YUP. THIS IS
THE PART
WHERE THE
BIG, BAD
LEVEL ONE
BOSS TURNS
OUT TO
BE NOTHING
MORE THAN
A PETTY
SMALL-FRY.

SO,
UH,
OKAY...



I'M
SURE
HASHI-
MOTO-
SAN HAS
HIS
REASONS

AND TO
BE HONEST,
I'M KINDA
PEEVED
AT THIS
HASHIMOTO
GUY MYSELF.
HE'S BEEN
SCREWING
WITH ALL
OF US FROM
DAY ONE.



COME ON,
WE ONLY
WON
BECAUSE
WE
CHEATED
OUR
ASSES
OFF.
ADMIT IT.

TRUE.
SHE EVEN
MANAGED
TO MAKE
US SWEAT
A BIT,
TOO.



I THINK
THAT'S
PRETTY
AMAZING,
ACTUALLY.





I MOST CERTAINLY DO NOT NEED ANY P-PRAISE OR S-SYMPATHY FROM YOU, K-K-KAZAMA-SAN!

I LOST! I ACCEPT THAT. I'M OVER IT! I AM GOING TO START OVER AND I'LL DO IT MYSELF!

UHH... OKAY. I'LL KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT.



AAAA-ARGH!! THAT'S ENOUGH!!



NOW YOU TELL US?!

If we miss it, we won't arrive home in time for class tomorrow.

OH, BUT ISN'T IT ALMOST TIME FOR OUR RETURN FERRY?



YES! LEAD THE WAY!

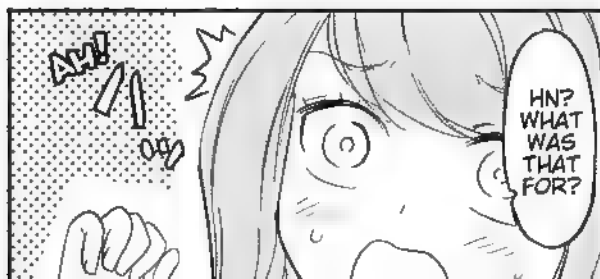
SO WHAT SAY WE GO TRACK DOWN HASHIMOTO-SAN AND GIVE HIM A PIECE OF OUR MINDS.



YANK

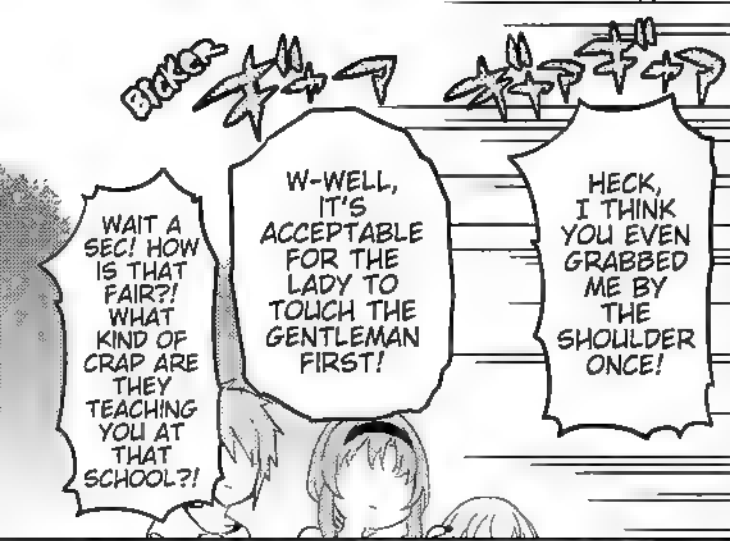


WE'VE GOT NO TIME TO LOSE! C'MON! LET'S FIND THAT GUY AND GET OUT OF HERE!



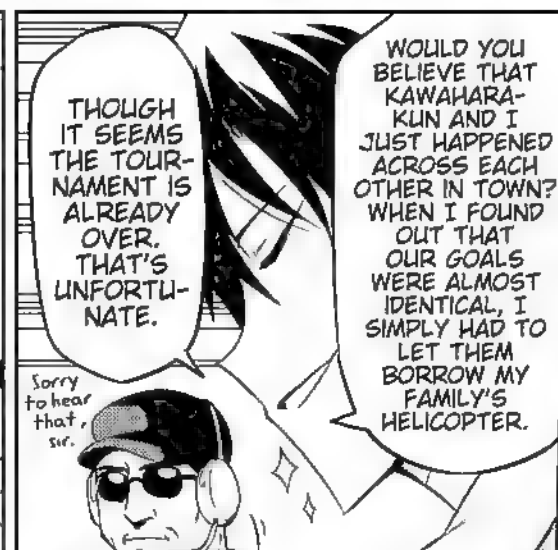
HN? WHAT WAS THAT FOR?

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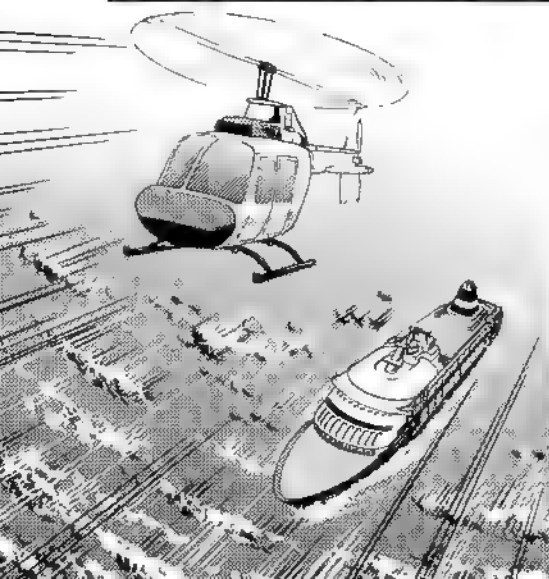


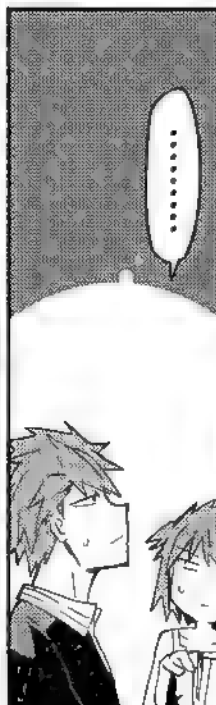








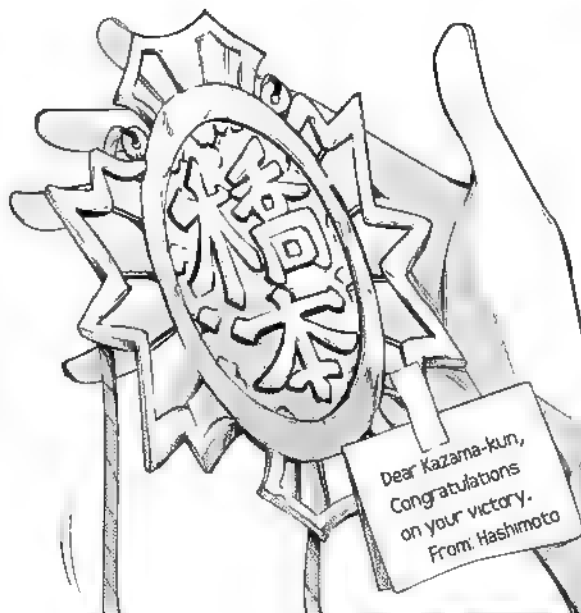




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DON'T
GIVE IT
TO ME
I DON'T
WANT
IT.

WHAT
THE HECK
IS THAT
TACKY
THING? A
SOUVENIR?

ANIKI,
IS THAT
...?



EXCUSE
ME, IT
SEEMS
I MISSED
TODAY'S
FERRY.
IS IT ALL
RIGHT IF
I STAY
ANOTHER
NIGHT?

Sure!

WHERE
THE
HELL
WERE
YOU?!

HASHI-
MOTO-
0000-
000!!



That means
we had
masters of
the sea, sky,
and land!

By
the by,
I have a
driver's
license.

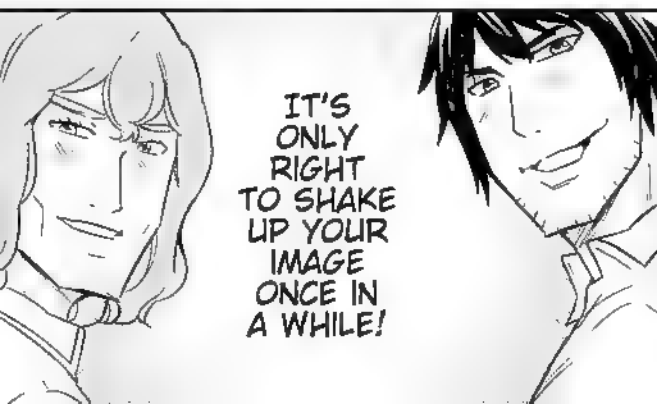
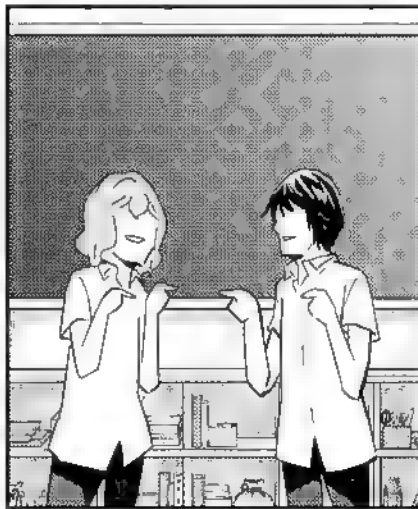
That's
stretching
it a bit,
Mr. Mayor!

BA-BAAN



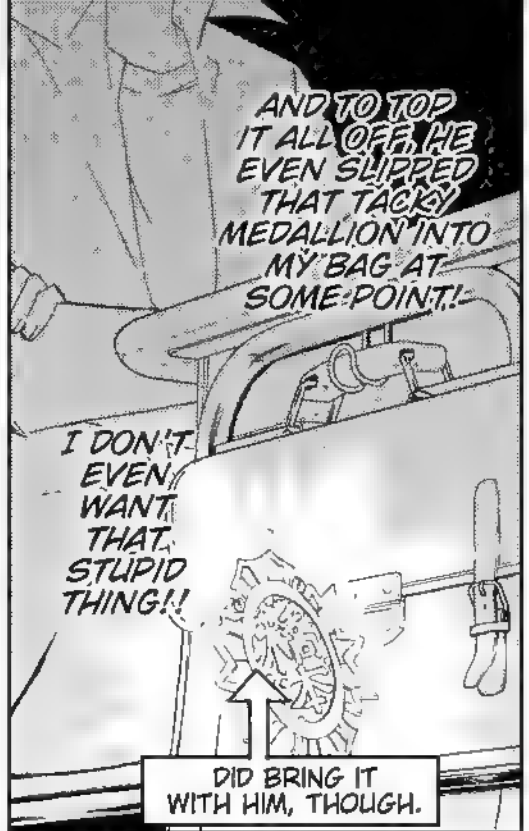
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Chapter 57
Wh-who Is He...?!









AND HE "TOOK THE HELICOPTER BACK"? SERIOUSLY? LIKE, HE GOT AN ACTUAL RIDE ON AN ACTUAL HELICOPTER TO HIS HOUSE?!

WAIT. BACK UP! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? HOW COME HE WAS SPENDING TIME WITH ONE OF THE GIRLS FROM CLASS OVER THE WEEKEND?



WHY?

THAT DOES IT! TELL US EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED THIS WEEKEND! SPILL!!



GAPLOP

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING ?!

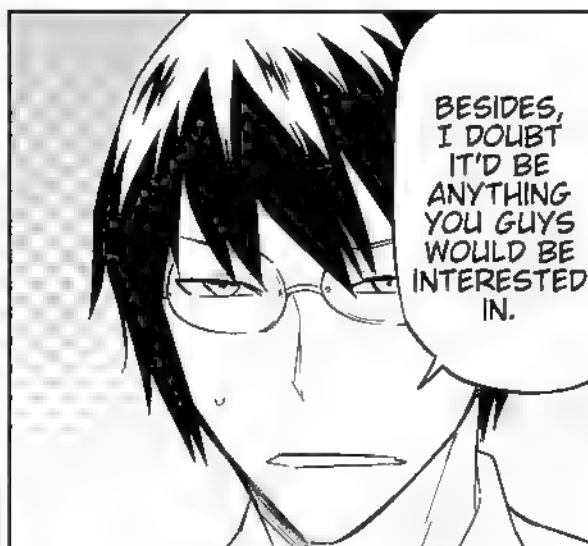
WHAT THE HECK DID YOU DO ?!



HARUMPH!

Y'KNOW, YOU TWO ARE BEING ESPECIALLY ANNOYING TODAY!

DON'T GIVE US THAT ATTITUDE !!



BESIDES, I DOUBT IT'D BE ANYTHING YOU GUYS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN.



Curious
about what
happened
between
us...?



IT'S
TRUE!
I WENT
WITH THE
COOKING
CLUB!
HERE,
I HAVE
PICTURES
!!



A
SCHOOL
TRIP?
SURE.



MY CLUB
WENT TO
THE ISLAND
FOR A
SCHOOL
TRIP AND
KAZAMA-SAN
ALMOST
TRIPPED
OVER ME!
THAT'S
ALL!



BUT WHY DOES SHE HAVE A PICTURE OF KAZAMA ON HER PHONE?!

WELL, HE'S EATING SOMEONE'S COOKING!

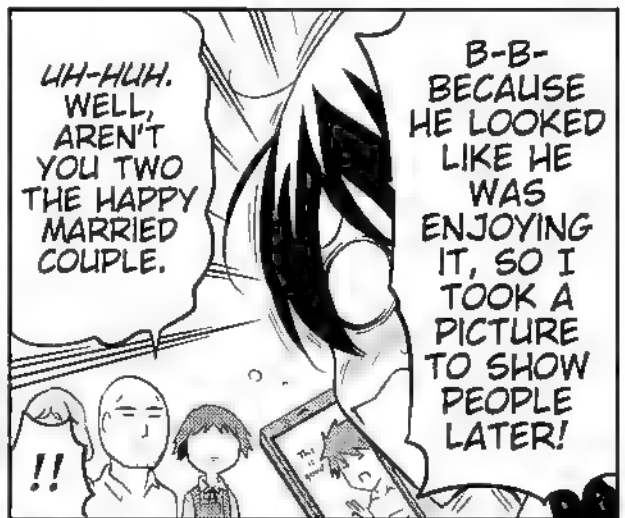


THAT FOOD WAS REALLY GOOD. THANKS.

HUH?! UH...!

K-K-KAZAMA-SAN! SAY SOMETHING! PLEASE !!

AH!! Y-Y-YOU'RE WELCOME! B-BUT...!



UH-HUH. WELL, AREN'T YOU TWO THE HAPPY MARRIED COUPLE.

B-B-BECAUSE HE LOOKED LIKE HE WAS ENJOYING IT, SO I TOOK A PICTURE TO SHOW PEOPLE LATER!



WHILE I WAS THERE, I HAPPENED TO RUN INTO FUNABORI AND SHE GAVE ME SOME OF THE FOOD SHE WAS MAKING. THAT'S IT.

I GOT DRAGGED OFF TO THIS PLACE CALLED FAMOUS ATHLETE HASHIMOTO'S ADVENTURE ISLAND FOR SOME CLUB CRAP.



LOOK, GUYS. FUNABORI IS TELLING THE TRUTH.

YEAH, I GET IT.



YOU WENT TO HIS ISLAND WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING WHO HE IS?

AND BELIEVE YOU ME, I WANNA KNOW WHO THAT HASHI-MOTO GUY IS TOO!!

I TOLD YOU, I GOT DRAGGED THERE!!



KAZAMA-KUN, WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! YOU'RE TALKING CRAZY TALK, BRO!

WHO'S HASHI-MOTO?!

FAMOUS ATHLETE HASHIMOTO'S ADVENTURE ISLAND?!

SEE?! THIS IS WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO TELL YOU GUYS!!



TRUST ME, I THINK IT'S SUPER TACKY, TOO! I DON'T WANT IT! YOU CAN TAKE THE DAMN THING FOR ALL I CARE!

JEEZ, THAT IS ONE TACKY MEDALLION!

TOTAL-LY!

YEAH!

THONK

Y'KNOW WHAT?! HERE! HERE'S PROOF THAT I WENT TO FAMOUS ATHLETE HASHIMOTO'S ADVENTURE ISLAND AND TOOK PART IN THAT STUPID TOURNAMENT!



KORE-MASA!

I'M KORE-MASA.

STOP INTRODUCING YOURSELVES!

FIRST APPEARANCE, PERIOD. KOREMASA



SHI-NO-ZAKI!

AND I'M SHINO-ZAKI.

DID YOU HAVE TO SAY IT TWICE?!

FIRST MANGA INTRODUCTION CAPPEARED FIRST IN THE DRAMA CD. SHINOZAKI

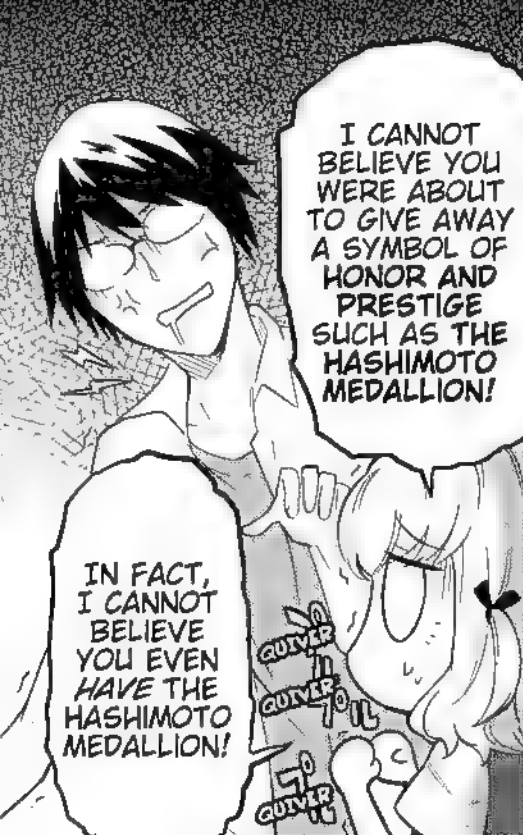


OHORI. GOT IT?

NAH, NO THANKS. MY NAME ISN'T HASHI-MOTO, ANYWAY. IT'S OHORI.

YES, FINE! I GOT IT!

OHORI





SO, IT WASN'T JUST FUNABORI, BUT SHIBASAKI, TOO?!

OH, SHUT UP!

THERE... TOGETHER... WE FOILED DASTARDLY PLOTS AND EVEN FACED DEATH. AFTER THOSE EXPERIENCES, WE FORGED A BOND DEEPER THAN MERE FRIENDSHIP...

RIGHT! NEVER MIND! YOU CAN SHUT UP AND GET LOST!! HECK, YOU AREN'T EVEN IN THIS CLASS!!

YES... YES, HE IS CORRECT. KAZAMA-SAN AND I DID TRAVEL TO A TROPICAL ISLAND RESORT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TOURNAMENT SPONSORED BY HASHIMOTO-SAN.



NOT YOU GIRLS, TOO!!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE! THOSE TWO WEREN'T THE ONLY ONES WHO WERE IN THAT TOURNAMENT. WE WERE THERE, TOO!



NOT SO FAST!

GET OUT! ALL OF YOU!! WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU EVEN DOING HERE? TWO OF YOU AREN'T EVEN IN THE SAME GRADE AS ME!

YES, SO FAST! SHOO! SCRAM!!

WITH THAT MANY OF YOU ALL IN ONE PLACE, IT'S NOT LOOKING LIKE MERE COINCIDENCE ANYMORE!!

WHAAAT?! SO, IT WASN'T JUST FUNABORI AND SHIBASAKI, BUT THE STUDENT COUNCIL PREZ, SOME RANDOM PINK-HAIRED FIRST YEAR, AND THE FORMER STUDENT COUNCIL PREZ ALSO?!

WHAT
THE HECK
IS THIS
THING
ANYWAY?!
IS IT
REALLY
THAT
SPECIAL?!

NAW

✖

KAZAMA...
I NEVER
WOULD HAVE
GUESSED
YOU OF ALL
PEOPLE
WOULD BE
GIVEN THE
HASHIMOTO
MEDALLION.

AND
YOU'RE
SO CASUAL
ABOUT IT,
TOO!
LIKE IT'S
NATURAL
FOR YOU
TO HAVE.

TRUST
ME,
THERE'S
NOTHING
NATURAL
ABOUT
ANY OF
THIS!!

YOU
REALLY
WANT IT
THAT
BADLY?!
HERE!
TAKE
IT!

HEH
7

YOU WEREN'T
ALL THAT
USEFUL
DURING THE
TOURNAMENT,
SEMPAI, BUT
I MUST ADMIT--
I'M A LITTLE
JEALOUS OF
YOU!

NOT
TAMA-
SEMPAI.
TAMA-
CHAN.

LIKE
I CARE!
BESIDES,
IT'S YOUR
FAULT YOU
CAME AT
THE TAIL
END OF THE
WEEKEND,
TAMA-
SEMPAI!

UGH!
KAZAMA-CHAN,
YOU SUCK! I, LIKE,
MAKE THAT LONG
TRIP OUT THERE
JUST TO SEE
YOU, AND YOU'RE
ALL, LIKE, "WE'RE
GOING HOME RIGHT
NOW!" WAY TO
MAKE A GIRL
CRY...

NOW
THE
CLASS
ON
OUR
OTHER
SIDE,
TOO?!

EXCUSE
ME, I'M
FROM
THE
CLASS
NEXT
DOOR
...

IF YOU
HAD TO
DEAL WITH
THIS
BUNCH
OF IDIOTS
YOU'D BE
SHOUTING,
TOO!

UM,
EXCUSE ME?
WE CAN
HEAR YOU
SHOUTING
FROM THE
NEXT
CLASSROOM.







STERN
AND SERIOUS
KAZAMA KENJI
IS SERIOUSLY
GOING TO TRY
AND GET OUT
OF THIS BY
PRETENDING
TO BE SOME
RANDO?! HE
CAN'T PULL
OFF A WACKY
STUNT LIKE
THAT!

WHAT
THE HECK?!
DOES HE
SERIOUSLY
THINK THAT
STUPID PLOY
IS GONNA
FOOL
ANYONE?!



NOW
THEN,
CLASS IS
ABOUT TO
START.

WHA
...?



ARE
YOU
SERIOUS
?!

WH-
WHO
IS
HE?!

BUT...
HE KNOWS
WHAT WE
DID ON
FAMOUS
ATHLETE
HASHIMOTO'S
ADVENTURE
ISLAND...
AND HE
HOLDS THE
HASHIMOTO
MEDALLION
...!



WAIT...
WHAT?
THAT
ISN'T
KAZAMA-
SAN...?

HUH
?!

QUIVER
QUIVER
QUIVER

QUIVER
QUIVER



WHAT
ON
EARTH
IS
THIS?

UN-
BELIE-
VABLE.

EVERY
ONE OF
YOU
FELL
FOR
IT?!

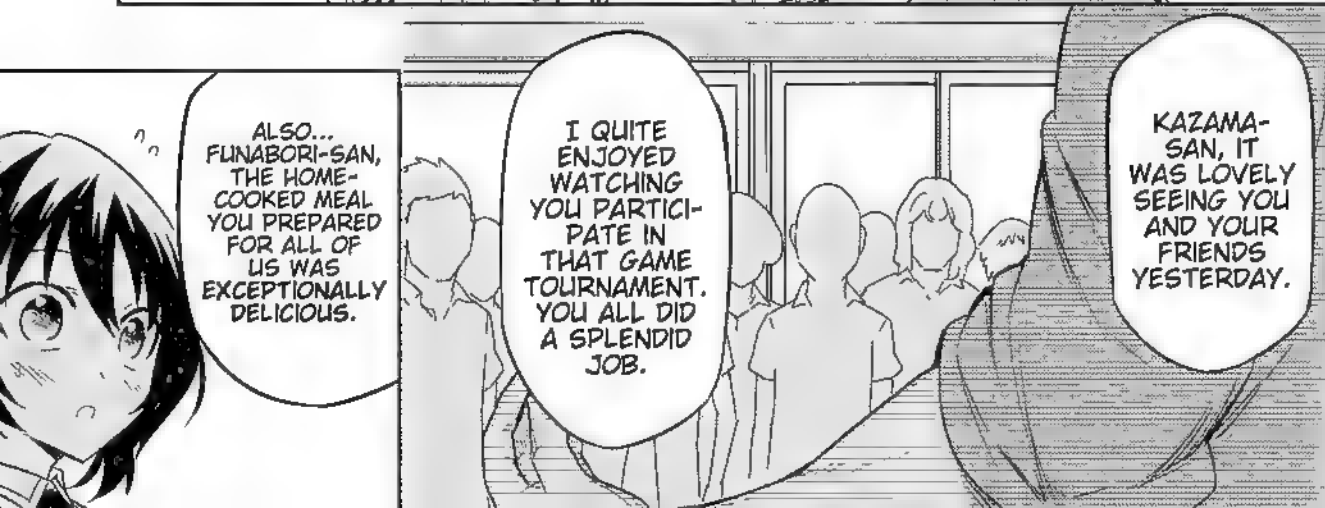
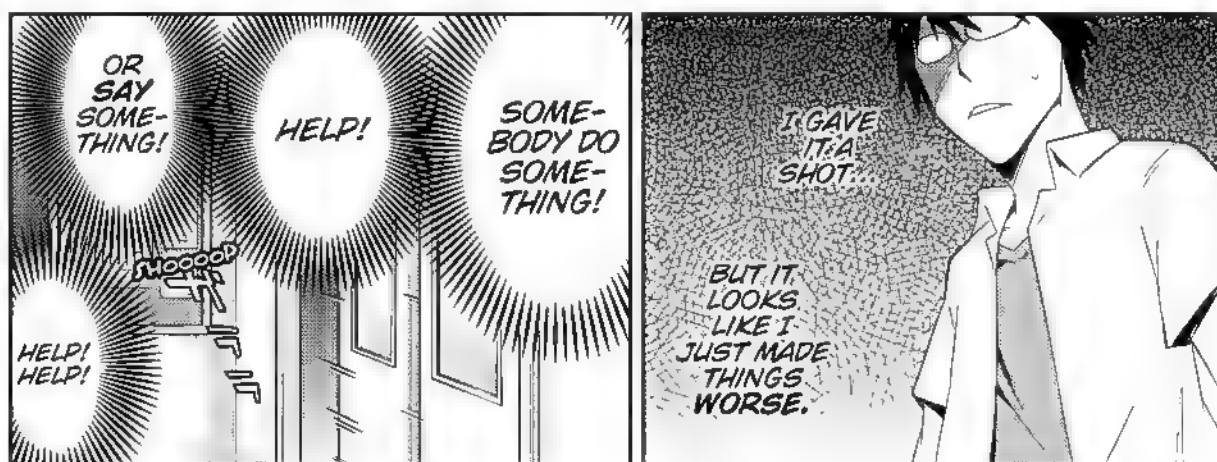
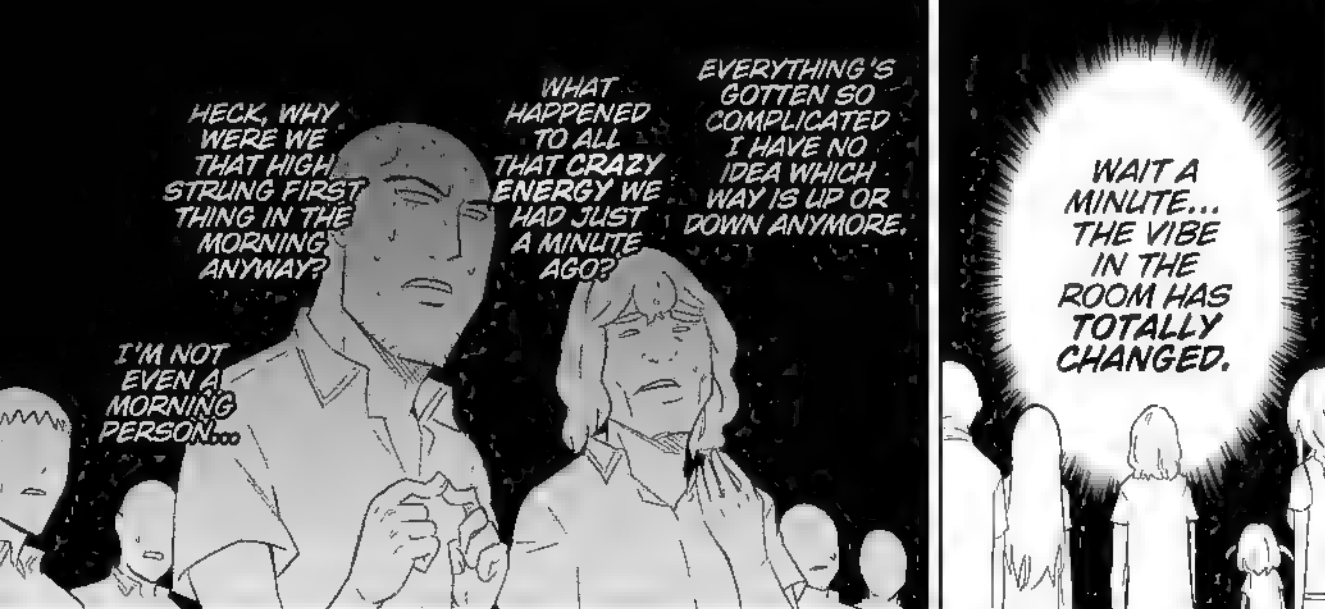


AND THINKING
ABOUT IT, I
DON'T THINK
KAZAMA'S STIFF
HAIR IS REALLY
SOMETHING YOU
COULD TAME
WITH JUST A
WEEKEND
MAKEOVER.

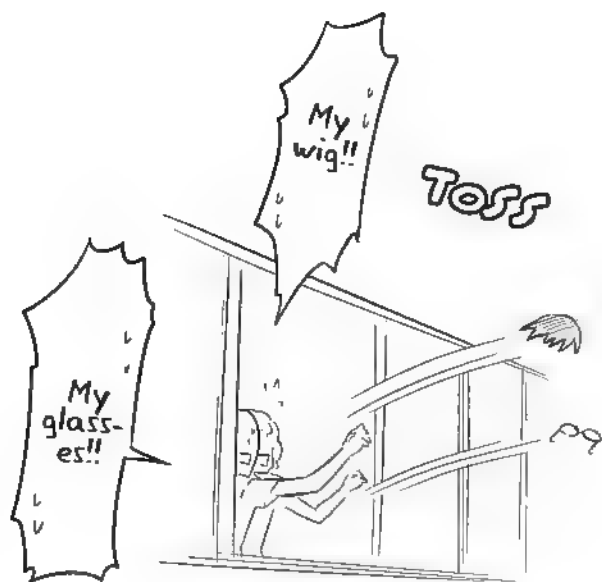


THE
PREZ,
TOO
?!

THE
COMEBACKS
SOUNDED LIKE
HIM, BUT ON
A CLOSER
LOOK THIS GUY
DEFINITELY
DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE
HIM.







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Chapter 58
A Gamer's Strength
and Weakness





WELL, THAT'S
AWFULLY
DIRECT
OF
YOU!!

I WANTED
POWER.



SO...
WHAT'S
THE
DEAL?

YOU
SEE
...



YOU
GUYS
SEEM
PRETTY
FOCUSED
ON THE
"MIGHT"
PART!

OH, SO DO
WE. TRUE
POWER
ISN'T JUST
PHYSICAL
STRENGTH.
IT'S KNOW-
LEDGE,
MIGHT,
AND LUCK
COMBINED.



WHAT THE
HECK?! YOU
NEED MORE
TO MAKE IT
THROUGH
LIFE THAN
BRAWN
AND A MEAN
RIGHT
HOOK! EVEN I
KNOW THAT!

WITH
ENOUGH
POWER,
YOU CAN
HAVE
ANYTHING
YOU
WANT.

EVERY-
BODY
WANTS
POWER,
RIGHT?



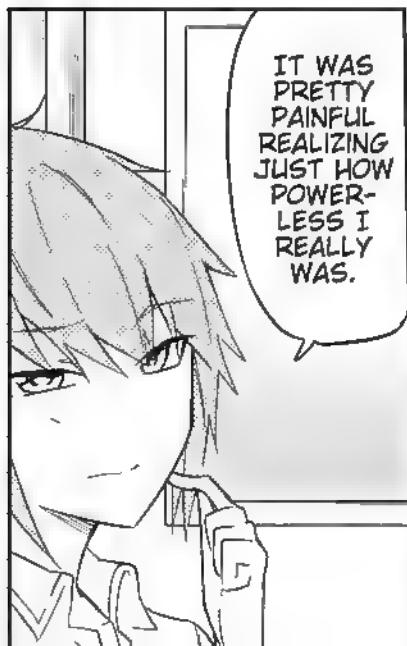
NO,
I'M NOT!!
IF I LET YOU
LOT ALONE,
YOU'LL ALL
TURN INTO
MUSCLE-BOUND
FREAKS
AND THEN I'LL
BE IN REAL
TROUBLE!

NO.
YOU'RE
FINE THE
WAY YOU
ARE.



WHA?!
ME?!
WELL,
MAYBE
I'D LIKE
TO GET
SOME
MORE
POWER
MYSELF!

THIS ALL
CAME
ABOUT
BECAUSE
OF YOU,
KAZAMA-
SAN.







REALLY, KAZAMA? SHEESH.

DOES HE MEAN... SUPER POWERS?

HIDDEN STRENGTH?

PSST PSST

AT THE VERY LEAST YOU ALL HAVE POWERFUL IMAGINATIONS.



SHADDAP! WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CAN SEE! YOU ALL HAVE SOME SORT OF...HIDDEN STRENGTH!

BUT LOOK AT HOW DAINTY AND DELICATE THIS ARM IS.

GLEAM



WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT ALL OF YOU NEED TO WORK ON...

"THAT" WHAT? PLEASE BE ENLIGHTEN US, KAZAMA-SAN.

YOU KNOW... THAT.

UGH. SERIOUSLY, FORGET PHYSICAL POWER. THERE'S SOMETHING FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAT YOU FOUR NEED TO WORK ON IMPROVING FIRST.



HUH...?

OUR MEMORIES?!



SHUT UP!!

YOU'RE STUPID !!

WAIT, ARE YOU TRYING TO CALL US STUPID?!



IMPROVING YOUR MEMORY!!



WOW,
IS HE
STILL
UPSET
ABOUT
THAT?

I MEAN,
COME ON.
I PUT ON
A WIG AND
GLASSES
AND NONE
OF YOU
RECOGNIZED
ME
ANYMORE!



WAIT,
THERE'S
A
REASON
FOR
THAT!



CONGRATS.
YOU'VE
GOT A
FUNCTIONAL
BRAIN, AT
LEAST.

SEMPAI,
I KNEW
WHO
YOU
WERE!



WE'RE
GAMERS. IN
FACT, WE'RE
GAMERS WITH
A DEEP AND
PROFOUND
KNOWLEDGE
OF ACTION
GAMES AND
PLATFORMERS.
AT LEAST, I
LIKE TO THINK
WE ARE.

"PRO-
FOUND"
KNOW-
LEDGE,
HUH?
OKAAAY...
SO
WHAT?



JUST
LISTEN
TO
ME!!

UH,
NO,
THERE
ISN'T.







Y'KNOW, I'M STARTING TO WORRY ABOUT HOW MUCH MEMORY SPACE YOU HAVE IN THAT BRAIN OF YOURS.

NOOOO!!
I CAN FEEL YEARS OF ACCUMULATED GAME PATTERNS GETTING OVERWRITTEN IN MY MIND!!

AIEEE!!



UGH. WHATEVER. FORGET IT. I'M SORRY I ASKED YOU ALL TO DO SOMETHING SO DIFFICULT.



HM? WHAT WAS THAT?

NOTHING!

MUMBLE MUMBLE

I JUST WANT TO STORE IT IN THE COMPARTMENT WHERE I KEEP ALL MY IMPORTANT MEMORIES...

H-HEY! THAT'S NOT NICE.



WE WILL NOT BE OUTDONE BY A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT!

HMPH! WE, TOO, HAVE PERFECTLY REALIZED MENTAL IMAGES OF KAZAMA'S APPEARANCE!

HOW COME YOU'RE ACTING ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY JUST BECAUSE YOU THINK YOU REMEMBER MY FACE?!



WAIT! I HAD YOU PERFECTLY MEMORIZED RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING!

YEAH, BUT THAT'S NORMAL! THOUGH COME TO THINK OF IT, I HAVEN'T COME ACROSS MUCH IN THE WAY OF "NORMAL" PEOPLE LATELY. "NORMAL" IS GETTING KINDA SCARCE...





COULD
THIS
BE...?

SE-
RIOUS-
LY?!



ON
THE
NAME,
MAYBE
!!

Kazama
Kenjiro

OOH,
SO
CLOSE
!!

FWD



BEGIN
!!

NO
KID-
DING!

WHAT?!
THIS
WILL
BE
MORE
DIFFICULT
THAN I
THOUGHT!

I'VE
USED
STICKY
TABS TO
COVER
UP ALL
THE
NAMES.

YOU
GIRLS
ARE
REALLY
WEIRDING
ME OUT
NOW!



I HAVE
ARRIVED
...!!

OH,
SO YOU
RECOG-
NIZE
HIM,
BUT
NOT
ME?!

AH.
THERE'S
THE VICE
PRES-
IDENT.



THAT'S
A GIRL!
ARE YOU
JUST
GOING
TO
POINT AT
EVERY
PORTRAIT
UNTIL
YOU GET
LUCKY?!

THIS...
NO!
THIS
ISN'T
HIM!
I CAN
TELL!



I
KNOW I
SHOULDN'T
BE SUR-
PRISED,
BUT
REALLY?!

WHA
?!

WHIRL
O

I'VE
FOUND
ONE.



YOU TWO ARE MAKING THIS WAY TOO DIFFICULT!! WHY NOT START WITH THE EASIER ONES?!

W-WELL, I FOUND YOU, TOO! THERE, IN THE CROWD!



HOW COULD YOU PICK OUT THAT TINY LITTLE SLIVER?!

THERE, ON THE EDGE, THAT MUST BE YOU, KAZAMA-SAN!



ME?! WHY ME?!

US? YOU ARE THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO TAKE YOURSELF MORE SERIOUSLY, KAZAMA-SAN.



CAN'T ANY OF YOU EVEN PRETEND TO TAKE ME SERIOUSLY ?!

WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, THE ONLY THING YOU LOT REMEMBER ABOUT ME IS MY HAIR!!



NO, THAT IS THE POINT.

?!



WELL, YEAH! OKAY! THAT'S TRUE! BUT THAT'S NOT MY POINT!!

YOUR HAIR IS A PRECIOUS PART OF THE ENTIRE PACKAGE THAT IS YOU!



BUT,
UM, I-I
DO THINK
YOUR HAIR-
STYLE...
FITS YOU.

YOUR
HAIR MADE
A PRETTY
STRONG
IMPRESSION
ON ME,
TOO. IT
WAS
REALLY
PRICKLY.

AND YOU
JUST
REMEMBER
HOW IT
FELT?!



WHAT,
REALLY?!
AND IT'S
NOT MY
HAIRSTYLE
THAT DID
IT, IT'S
HOW
STIFF
IT IS?!

IF IT
WASN'T
FOR YOUR
STRANGELY
STIFF HAIR,
NONE OF US
WOULD HAVE
BEEN ABLE
TO COMMIT
YOU TO
MEMORY SO
QUICKLY.



IN
OTHER
WORDS
...



REALLY?!
IS MY
FAMILY'S
HAIR
REALLY
THAT
IMPRES-
SIVE?!

WHEN
WE FIRST
MET NOE'CHI,
IT WAS
HER HAIR
THAT TOLD
US THAT
SHE WAS
YOUR LITTLE
SISTER.



HOW
DID
THIS
HAPPEN
?!

KAZAMA-SAN!!
WHAT YOU
MUST DO
IS WORK
TO BUILD A
PERSONALITY
THAT IS
STRONG AND
POWERFUL
ENOUGH NOT
TO BE
OVERSHADOWED
BY YOUR
POINTY,
PRICKLY
HAIR!



NO... I JUST HANG AROUND A BUNCH OF REALLY UNIQUE AND ECCENTRIC PERSONALITIES. I'M NORMAL. BUT... I DO HAVE TO LIVE IN THEIR WORLD...

AND IS MY PERSONALLY REALLY THAT WEAK AND BLAND?

HUH?

KA-ZAMA-SAN?



I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE GETTING THIS LOT TO WORK ON THEIR MEMORIES, BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN NOW I'M THE ONE WHO HAS TO WORK OUT?



YOU WEREN'T HELPING MUCH, EITHER.

IT'S BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT!

OH DEAR. IS KAZAMA-SAN... DEPRESSED?



UH-OH. THIS IS BAD!

EVEN MY COMEBACKS ARE SOMETHING I COULDN'T DO WITHOUT ALL OF YOU SETTING ME UP...

ME AND SEMPAI WITH PINK HAIR ...!



NO, YOU'RE VERY UNIQUE, YOU JUST LACK CONFIDENCE.

I'M NOT UNIQUE AT ALL. I'M JUST A REGULAR PERSON.

YES, YOU DO.

COME TO THINK OF IT, I DON'T HAVE A VERY MEMORABLE PERSONALITY EITHER.

MAYBE I SHOULD DYE MY HAIR PINK...

ALL I AM IS A GIRL WITH PINK HAIR WHO LIKES WATER.



SO,
IT WAS
MY
HAIR
AGAIN!!

Well, I had
noticed your
hair peeking
out from
the hood...

WAIT A SEC,
WHEN WE
WERE LINED
UP IN FRONT
OF THAT GAME
STORE IN
COSTUME, YOU
SPOTTED ME.

BA-DMP

BA-DMP



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Bonus



BUT
CAME HOME
WITH THIS
LIMITED
EDITION
VIDEO GAME
INSTEAD!



THAT
FOOLISH
DAUGHTER
OF YOURS
WENT
OUT TO
BUY A
SWIMSUIT...



WAIT,
THAT'S
WHY
YOU
WENT
INTO
SHOCK?!

GOODNESS,
GIRLS!
WHAT'S
WITH ALL
THIS SUDDEN
"MOTHER
DEAREST"
TALK? IT'S
CREEPY!



THERE,
SEE?!
EVEN
MOTHER
DEAREST
IS
SPEECH-
LESS!



SISTER
DEAREST,
WILL YOU
PLEASE
SHUT
UP?!

NOT ONLY
THAT, WITHOUT
A SWIMSUIT
YOU'LL NEVER
GET ATTACKED BY
A DANGEROUS,
YET DASHING
SEA MONSTER!



SHEESH!
HERE I WAS,
ALL SET TO
GET PISSED
OFF AT YOU
FOR TRYING
TO LOOK
PRETTY FOR
SOME GUY,
BUT NOW
THIS!!



YOU DON'T
GET IT!
EACH AND
EVERY HIGH
SCHOOL
SUMMER
IS A
PRECIOUS
TIME THAT
WILL NEVER
COME
AGAIN!!

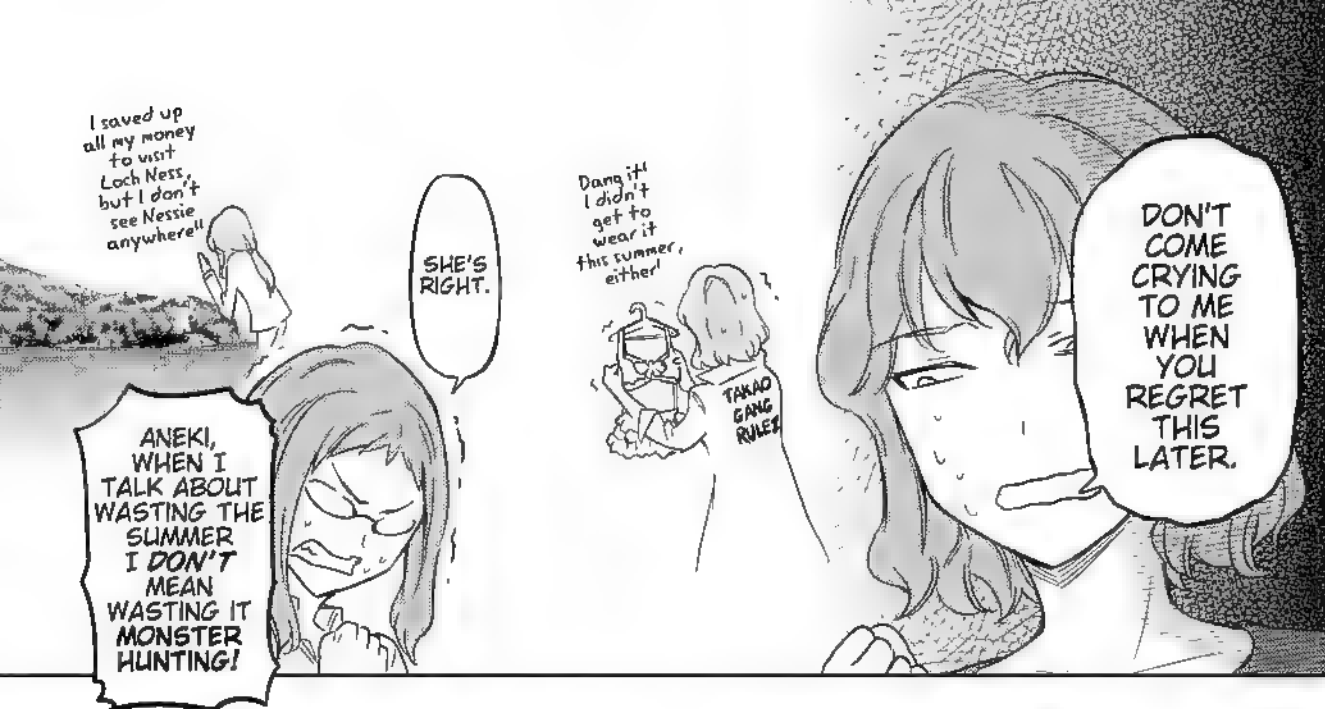
HUH
?!

MUMBLE
MUMBLE



W-WELL...
IT'S NOT
LIKE SUMMER
IS NEVER
COMING AGAIN
OR THAT
THE SEA WILL
DRY UP. BUT
THAT LIMITED
EDITION GAME
WAS ONLY ON
SALE THIS
WEEK.

WHAT?!
ARE
YOU
TALKING
BACK
TO ME?!



WHO EXACTLY WERE YOU WORKING FOR ON THOSE MISSIONS, MOTHER DEAREST?!

The American Dream!!

HERE YOU GO! ♪

I HOPE SHE DOESN'T WEAR THAT TO THE LOCAL POOL.

SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

I'VE ONLY EVER SEEN SWIMSUITS LIKE THAT IN OLD MAGAZINES!

SHAKE

OH, SHUSH YOU TWO!

WHAT, RIGHT NOW?

GO ON NOW. TRY IT ON!

A ME YOKO

I GOT IT AT THE GOOD OLD AME-YOKO STORE!

SO, IT WAS ACTUALLY RIGHT HERE IN TOWN?!

UM, MOM?

Krrrk

Why me? I didn't say anything!

Aaaagh!!!

YOU KNOW, I THINK I'D RATHER YOU BOTH CALL ME "MOTHER DEAREST" AFTER ALL.

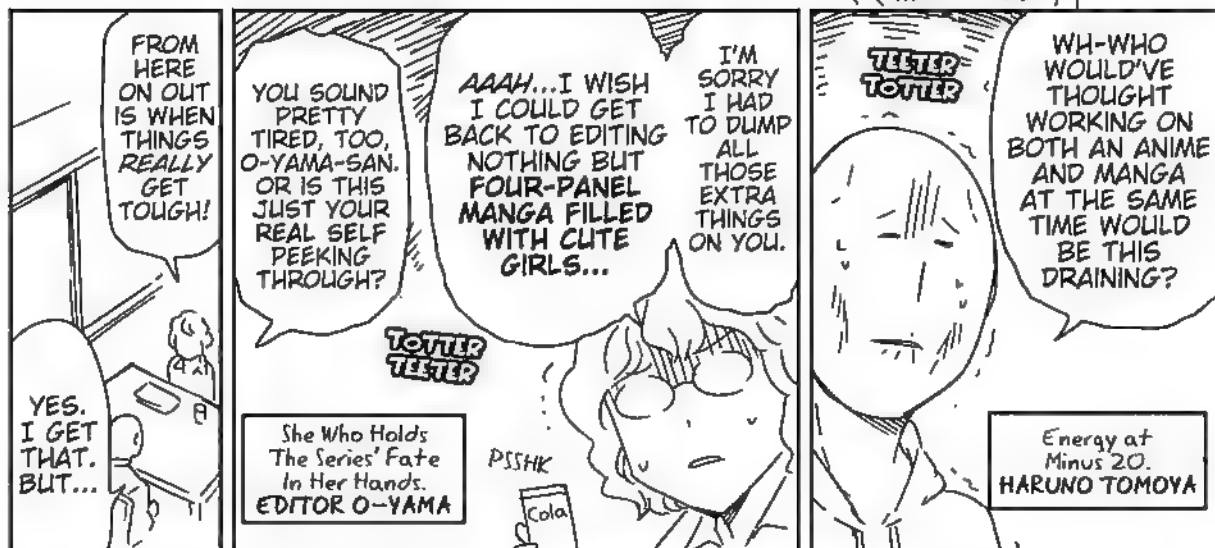
WHY DOES IT ALWAYS HAVE TO BE ABOUT CUP-SIZE?! AND REALLY, ALL OF TOKYO?! WHY DON'T YOU JUST SHUT THE HELL UP, YOU OLD HAG?!

YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE FLATTEST CHESTS IN ALL OF TOKYO! MAYBE YOU TWO DON'T HAVE THE CURVES TO FILL OUT THAT BATHING SUIT, BUT YOUR SISTER CAN DO JUSTICE TO THE STRIPS AND STRIPES!



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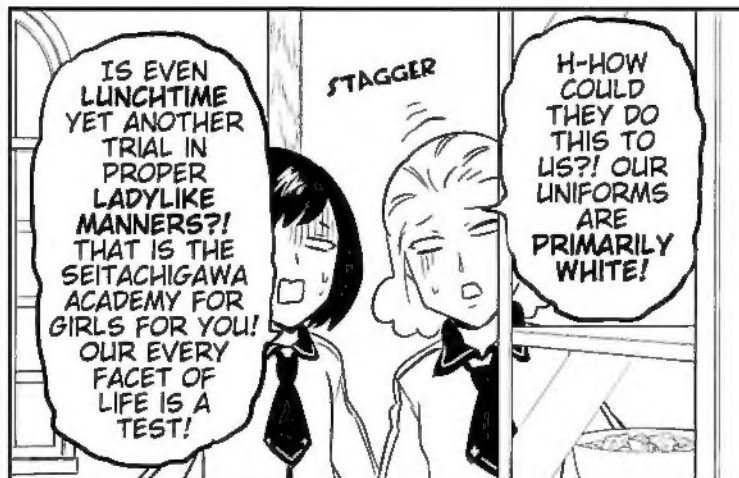
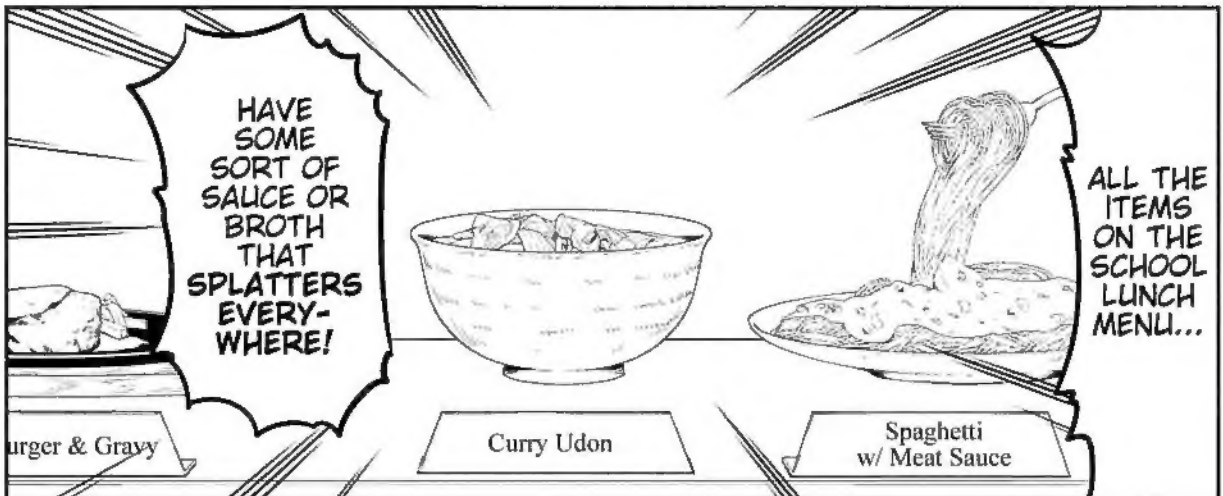
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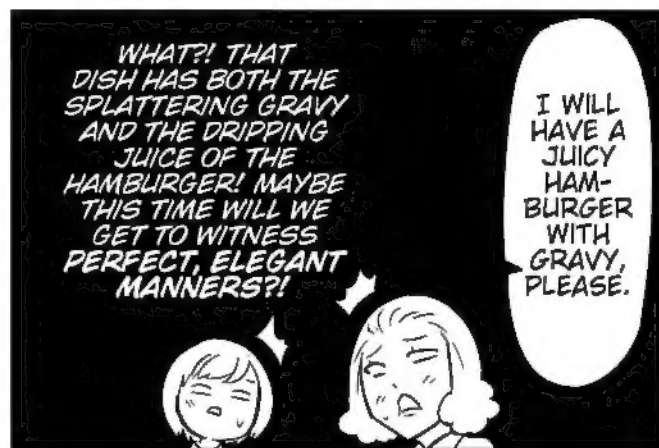
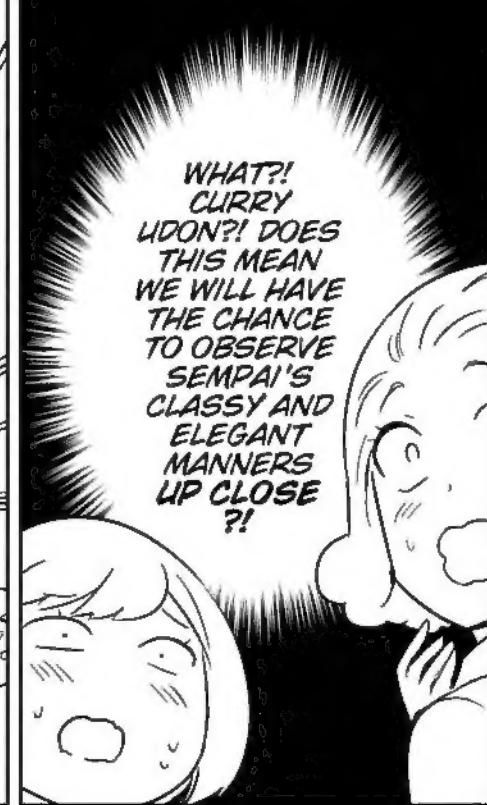
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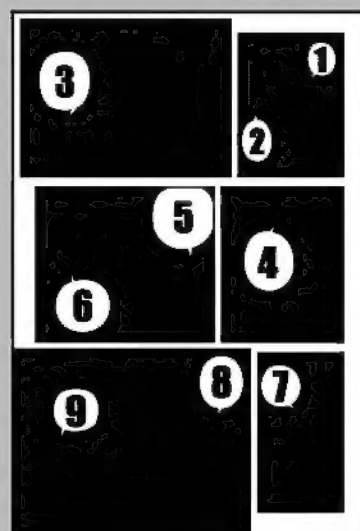
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